



## Building Harmony and Success

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to elders past and present*

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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### Welcome to 2018

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable vacation ready for another busy year at Belmont High School.

Welcome to Daniel Hutchinson who has joined us a teacher for the newly established multi-categorical class. Daniel is already making positive moves to set up the new class as a positive learning spot.

Two other vacancies, which will be filled through merit selection processes, are head teacher TAS and HSIE teacher. It is hoped that these positions are filled by the end of this term.

Enrolments are almost exactly as anticipated at 868 students which means there is no need to make timetable changes which often happens when there is a fluctuation in enrolments from the end of one year to the beginning of the next.

### P&C Meeting

For new parents to the school a great way to stay in contact with the school is by attending the P&C meetings held on the **third Wednesday** of the month at 5.30pm in the staff common room in A block. All are welcome.

### Building Upgrade

We still have not seen any concept plans for the proposed upgrade to facilities at BHS. We are hopeful to see these plans so that the consultation process can be completed to allow final planning and construction to begin.

### School Plan 2018-20

The school is finalising the school plan for 2018-20. Thanks to parents who contributed to surveys and provided feedback in other forms to allow us to develop this draft plan. This plan will shortly be published on the school website.

The new plan will follow on with the three strategic directions established in 2015: Quality Teaching; Quality Systems; Quality Relationships.

Some of the key strategies to achieve the plan's goals include teachers collaboratively working with their colleagues in our partner primary schools; the continued operation of the Learning Hub; the introduction of a new teaching and learning platform called CANVAS across the school; and the employment of support staff to improve connections with all sections of the school community.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### February

21 P&C Meeting

### March

5 Year 7 2019 Parent Evening  
7 BHS Athletics Carnival  
19/20 Year 7 Camp  
23 White Card Course  
23 Year 11 Crossroads Program  
30 Good Friday

### April

2 Easter Monday  
9 Parent Teacher Interviews  
7, 11 & 12

### Key Personnel

If you need to contact the school to discuss any aspect of your child's education below is a list of the key personnel in the school:

#### • Year advisers – your first point of contact:

Year 7	Rachael Tanti
Year 8	Mitch Bell
Year 9	Lance Druery and Alison Gill
Year 10	Sharon Gregory and Yvette Fulton
Year 11	Natalie Proudlock and Paige Williams
Year 12	Eliza Toby and Andrew Kelly

Head teacher Wellbeing:	Karen Newman (relieving)
School Counsellors:	Robyn Morgan, Judy Wall
Learning Hub Coordinator:	Emma Terry
Sports coordinator:	Mel Fagg
Deputy Principal (7, 9 and 11):	Michele Spinks
Deputy Principal (8, 10 and 12):	Michael Allenby

**School Uniform**

It is great to see the vast majority of BHS students wearing the correct school uniform. This makes for a positive start for the year. Students are reminded that black shorts, tights and jeans are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn.

**Anti-Racism Contact Officer**

All schools are required to have an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) and to provide information to parents and students about this officer. The Belmont High ARCO is Peter Baker and he can be found in the HSIE staffroom located in E block.

**Expectations of Behaviour**

Similarly BHS as part of the NSW Department of Education expects that all students follow the department's Behaviour Code for Students.

This code can be found at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/behaviourcode.pdf>

Students who fail to comply with these expectations will be dealt with according to the school's discipline code and this may result in suspension.

The department's suspension and expulsion policy can be found at:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/suspol\\_07.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/suspol_07.pdf)

A timely reminder for year 7 students as they start high school that the "keep your hands and feet to yourself" rule which all are familiar with from primary school, also applies in high school.

Geoff Robinson  
Principal

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

Welcome back to the new school year for 2018. We hope everyone has had a restful break, and is ready to work despite the very hot conditions we are experiencing.

Year 7 have mostly settled into the high school routine. During Week 2 Mr Druery, Mrs Fulton, Ms Kendall (the Learning and Support Teachers), Mrs Tanti (Year 7 Year Advisor), Mrs Sawyer (Student Support Officer), Mrs Spinks (Deputy Principal) met with all Year 7 students on an individual basis to develop an Individual Learning Plan. This allowed us to get to know our newest year group in more detail. Students provided us with information on their strengths and weaknesses, their favourite subjects, and areas they would like additional support both in terms of curriculum and wellbeing programs. They also did a short verbal reading test, which will support us in identifying their reading grade level.

Unfortunately, we have had a few issues with students not keeping their hands and feet to themselves. Students have been reminded of their obligations regarding having a safe learning and playground environment. Teasing others and any other behaviour that may be perceived as aggressive will be addressed swiftly.

Year 9 have settled into their Stage 5 Curriculum. A small group have approached the DP to look at changing their 200-hour electives. Where this is possible, and with appropriate documentation, including signed paperwork from a parent/carer, we have been able to make changes subject to availability. No more changes will be made after the end of Week 3.

Students are reminded of their Work Health and Safety responsibilities in the school and in particular if, they have chosen a practical subject. Correct clothing must be worn or students will not be allowed to participate in a practical class. They will then need to do theory work and catch up missed work in their own time.

Year 11 are looking fantastic in their senior uniforms. Last week they were issued with their Year 11 Assessment Booklets which contains the assessment policy and procedures and assessment schedules for all the courses being studied here at BHS. Students were also issued the Senior Student Responsibilities and Privileges notes. This explains the flexible use of your time leave pass and the responsibilities that accompany this privilege. Parents and students need to sign this and return to the box at the front office. Mrs Spinks will be arranging for the passes to be collated and issued to all students who have returned their permission slip. Students who have not returned their notes and been given a pass will not be allowed to leave the school. Flex time will not commence until week 4 for Year 11 students.

Uniform - We would just like to remind students that black short shorts (any short shorts are not appropriate for school wear), black jeans and black tights are not part of the school uniform. Uniform detentions have begun and students are expected to comply with the uniform dress code.

Michele Spinks and Michael Allenby  
Deputy Principal's



# SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2018





## P&C REPORT

Welcome to all the families who have sent their children to Belmont High School this year. We hope all your students have a terrific year and we look forward to a partnership between school, parents and students working together to achieve the highest educational outcomes.

The Belmont High P&C exists for a number of reasons:

- To facilitate communication between the school executive and the parents and citizens. To this end we are thankful that Geoff Robinson and his Deputies come to all of our meetings. At each meeting he reports on the latest school happenings and we get a chance to ask questions of him and his team.
- To think through the big issues that confront us as a school and as parents. One of the big issues at present is the School Redevelopment and we have regular updates on this.
- To raise and allocate funds for our school. We are very fortunate to have some great managers of our school canteen and as this is the major way we raise funds we are not a P&C that is always running raffles or fundraisers. Running the school canteen means that each year we make substantial donations in response to the needs of the school out of the canteen surplus.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held this coming Wednesday 21 February at 5:30-6:30pm in the staff room. Why not come along as join us? I hope to see you there.

Stephen Taylor  
P&C President

## ATTENDANCE

Welcome back to 2018! It is wonderful to see so many of our students actively upholding the values of the school and attending school every day for every lesson. Please find below, important information regarding your child's attendance at Belmont High School.

Education is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school. The Policy can be found at the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>

### Arriving on Time:

Period 1 commences at 9am each day. This is the official roll marking period for the day and important school notices are given to students during this time. It is therefore extremely important for students to arrive to class on time. Students marked absent in this period will be recorded as absent for the whole day. Parents will be notified via email if their child has been marked absent in Period 1. Please respond to the text with a valid reason for your child's absence.



If a student arrives late they **must** sign in via the Attendance Office to enable the official roll to be amended. If a late arrival does not sign and goes straight to class they remain recorded as absent for the whole day. This impacts on the official attendance data recorded on the front of your child's school report.

Arriving on time helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine, as well as remaining up to date with classwork. Lateness to school on a regular basis is followed up by the Head Teacher Administration and the Deputies and written explanations for lateness are **always** required. Please supply a note for your child or alternatively, escort your child to the front office to sign in when they are late. Text messages are also sent out daily to inform parents if their child signs in late without a valid reason. Please respond to the text if there is a valid reason for your child being late.

### Absence from School:

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence. This can be notified to the school by either: sending an email to the school, phoning the school, replying to the email sent by the school or supplying a note to student services for the absence. The Skoolbag app can also be used to send an Absent eForm.

Justifiable reasons for being absent from school include: medical or dental appointment, religious holiday, exceptional family circumstance (such as a death/illness in the family), being sick or having an infectious disease. Absences for the following reasons are not justifiable: shopping, hair appointment, sleeping in, minding younger siblings, birthday.

The **compulsory school swimming carnival** was held on Monday 5 February at Swansea Swimming Pool. This event was a normal school day and all students should have been in attendance. Any student absent on this day must submit an absentee note to Student Services with a justified reason, otherwise it will be recorded as an unjustified absence.

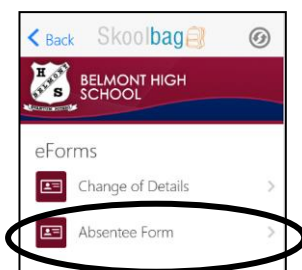
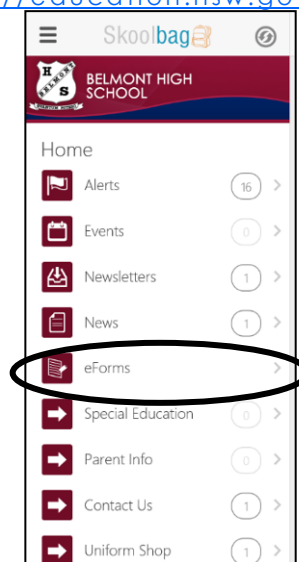
*Please note: absences must be received within 7 days of the absence for it to be recorded as justified.*

### Holidays

Parents are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school during school terms, especially during assessment and examination weeks. In instances where this is unavoidable, parents should inform the school and discuss absences with the Principal, Deputy Principals or Head Teacher Administration who may request that the parent/carer apply for a Certificate of Leave.

Application for Extended Leave – Travel can be found below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>



The Belmont High School 'Skoolbag' app is an excellent way of keeping the school up to date with your child's attendance. This app is available to download for free in the app store on Android and Apple devices. On the home page go to '[eForms](#)' and then '[Absentee Form](#)'. You can then complete the form and submit it to the school via your mobile device. You can also update your contact details using the 'change of details' form.

### Truancy Slips

Class rolls are marked electronically **every** lesson. Students who have been marked present for the day but absent in a lesson without a variation in place may receive a text home/ This informs the parent and the student that they have been marked absent in a lesson. If this is incorrect, the student must see Mrs Gee during break times in the Head Teacher Administration staffroom (between E7 and E8) the next day.

Students who do not have a valid reason for being absent from a lesson will be recorded as 'truant' and placed on Monday after school detention. Parents will be notified if their child has truanted has been placed on after school detention by email/text, letter or phone call.

### Year 11 and 12 Attendance

Attendance in all classes is compulsory. All students should be attending class EVERY lesson EVERY day to give themselves the best opportunity to succeed in their chosen subjects. All senior students should be maintaining a class attendance rate above 85% for each subject they are enrolled in. Senior students who are not maintaining this class average may receive 'N' Award notifications for failing to adequately meet course outcomes.

The first timetabled lesson for a senior student counts as their official attendance for the day i.e. if a student's first lesson is Period 2, this counts as their official attendance for the day. If they do not attend this lesson they will be recorded as absent all day, even if they attend their Period 3 class. It is therefore essential that any senior student who arrives after their first timetabled lesson for the day must sign in at the front office to have their attendance amended.

**Senior Students with Period 0 classes:** Period 0 is a compulsory lesson. If a student misses their period 0 class they must provide a justified reason to Student Services for their absence, otherwise it will be recorded as a truancy.

### BE IN CLASS, ON TIME, EVERY LESSON

If students or parents have any concerns regarding their attendance, please contact Mrs Gee during school hours on 49450600 or via email: [kristen.gee3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kristen.gee3@det.nsw.edu.au)


Mrs Kristen Gee  
Head Teacher Administration

## QUEEN'S BATON RELAY HONOUR

Congratulations to Belmont High's Brett Austine and Jessica Pickering who were a part of Commonwealth Games history earlier this month, sharing the honour of carrying the Queen's baton as part of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Queens Baton relay.

It was an amazing moment to witness the baton pass from teacher to student, (the only time it happened in Australia) a memory they will share for a lifetime. A very proud moment for you both, your family and friends and all of us here at Belmont High School.





Don't forget to download our school's Skoolbag app to ensure you are kept informed and up-to-date on what is happening here at school.

The Skoolbag app is great for:

- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Reminders/cancellations
- ❖ Information/permission notes
- ❖ Advising student absences
- ❖ School newsletters
- ❖ Events
- ❖ ....and more

**INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Just go to the app store on your device and download the Belmont High Skoolbag app. It's that simple!



# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING





We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.



# ENGLISH NEWS

Welcome to English 2018. We have lots of exciting and engaging programs being taught in years 7-12 this year. Here is a rundown of what each year group is learning about, followed by their Assessment Schedule.

## Term 1

**Year 7:** Classes are learning about effective narrative structures to assist with their creative writing skills. They will study the narrative structure through the 12 stages of a hero's journey in a chosen film and then compose their own heroic adventure story using skills learnt.

Year 7 Scope and Sequence 2018			
Term 1	Film Study Hero's Quest	Assessment: Creative Writing Week 8	Poetry/Short Stories Hello Neighbour
Term 2	Poetry/Short Stories Hello Neighbour	Assessment: Information Report Week 6	Novel Study Fiction Uncovered
Term 3	Novel Study Fiction Uncovered	Assessment: Persuasive Writing Week 5	Drama From Page to Stage
Term 4	Drama From Page to Stage	Assessment: Group Performance Week 4	Teacher Choice

**Year 8:** Students are building their comparative capacity through a study of a novel and its film version. Once both texts are studied, students will determine which text contains the most educational value and write a persuasive email convincing their reader of their opinion.

Year 8 Scope and Sequence 2018			
Term 1	Comparative Study – Novel and Film Educational Value of both		Assessment: Creative Writing Week 10
Term 2	Shakespeare Vile Villains	Assessment: Information Report Week 8	Media Study Fascinating Facts
Term 3	Media Study Fascinating Facts	Assessment: Speaking Week 6	Poetry Study Vivid Verses
Term 4	Poetry Study Vivid Verses	Assessment: Creative Writing Week 4	Teacher Choice

**Year 9:** The focus is on life lessons in literature here with students being taught the skills to identify themes in a close study of a novel. Once they have deep knowledge of the theme, they will transfer this information into a creative writing piece using the theme as a central component.

Year 9 Scope and Sequence 2018			
Term 1	Novel Study Life Lessons through Literature (Theme)		Assessment: Creative Writing Week 10
Term 2	Film Study Classifying Cinematics (Genre)	Assessment: Speaking Task Week 8	Drama Distorted Depictions
Term 3	Drama Distorted Depictions (Representation)	Assessment: Persuasive Writing Week 6	Poetry Punctilious Poetry (Context)
Term 4	Poetry Punctilious Poetry (Context)	Assessment: Short Answer Week 4	Teacher Choice

**Year 10:** Students are studying the verse novel *Cold Skin* by Steven Herrick. This murder mystery is set in a small town and readers are exposed to multiple perspectives of events throughout the story. The story is told in poetic verse and students will compose their own poem using their knowledge of the story for the assessment.

Year 10 Scope and Sequence 2018			
Term 1	<b>Cold Skin</b> Multiple Narration/Poetic Techniques	<b>Assessment:</b> Creative Writing Week 8	<b>Macbeth</b> The Concept of Power
Term 2	<b>Macbeth</b> The Concept of Power	<b>Assessment:</b> Visual Representation Week 6	<b>Novel Study</b> Close Analysis
Term 3	<b>Novel Study</b> Close Analysis	<b>Assessment:</b> Persuasive Writing Week 4	<b>Multimedia Study</b> Voices of Influence
Term 4	<b>Multimedia Study</b> Voices of Influence	<b>Assessment:</b> Speaking Week 3	<b>Teacher Choice</b>

### Year 11

**Studies:** Students are working their way through the program *Achieving through English* which focuses on essential literacy skills needed in the workplace.

**Standard/Advanced:** Students in both of these courses have launched into the very first program of the new syllabus, named *Reading to Write*. This program is a transition to senior English study and is aimed to build student capacity in reading and writing.

**Extension:** Students have started their study of the Module: Texts, Value and Culture. The focus of this program is *The Monster Within* using the prescribed text *Dracula*.

### Year 12

**Studies:** Students are studying the Module: Landscapes of the Mind to develop their knowledge of using literacy related to visual and performing arts. In this unit, they are required to plan and host an event for fellow BHS students. Watch this space for the upcoming events!

**Standard:** Students have been studying the novel *The Story of Tom Brennan* for Module C: Exploring Transitions. They have their speaking assessment due in Week 5 (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March).

**Advanced:** Students are halfway through Module A: Comparative Study, where they have been comparing Fitzgerald's classic novel *The Great Gatsby* to the poetry of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Their assessment will be in Week 6 and is also a speaking task.

**Extension 1 and 2:** Students are working steadily through both courses. Ext 1 are studying the Module: Language and Gender and reading Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. Extension 2 students have just completed their interview assessment and are busily creating their Major Works.

### Generally....

**Overdue Books:** There are still a number of overdue books that have not been returned by students to the English faculty. We lend these out to students in good faith and need the texts returned for future classes. Students who still have outstanding books will be chased up and invoices sent home. They also will have no borrowing rights until the text is brought back.

**Debating:** Calling all keen debaters!!! We would like to get debating up and running in the school this year and would like a team from 7/8, a team from 9/10 and a team from 11/12. If you are interested, please see Ms Waters in the English Staffroom.

**Equipment:** It seems that more and more students are attending school without basic equipment needed to participate successfully in lessons. Students need to ensure they have their English workbook, pens, glue and a ruler for every lesson.

Yours in English  
Debbie Waters  
Head Teacher English



## SCIENCE

### Science and Technology at their fingertips!

Year 9E Science have begun the year researching the best scientific methods in a topic called "Working Scientifically".

They were asked to design the best experiment for the question: Which ball bounces the highest? 9E changed and repeated their testing to improve the results. They began using their phones as a video to record the motion. Teaching each other to select individual frames and take a screen shot, the students were able to accurately read the rebound heights and average them. They even taught their teacher to AirDrop – and these are the frames I've included in this article. Science, technology and our kids are amazing!



Mr Walker and 9E Science

## HSIE

Welcome to all students and their families to the new school year, especially students who are new to our school. Welcome to Mrs Crilley and Mrs Woolley who have joined the team replacing Mr Lembke.

By now all students who have Geography and History in Years 7-9 will have in their books a copy of their assessment schedule. This is pasted in their books so parents can keep an eye on when tasks are to be completed. Year 10-12 have the assessment booklet with all their tasks for their school year in it. All students are expected to initial on a roll that they have received the assessment schedules.

Students from Year 11 and Year 12 Geography will be attending their Mandatory Fieldworks this term. Year 12 Geography will be attending an excursion to Barangaroo, Sydney, studying the urban dynamics of this area and Year 11 will be studying Biophysical Interactions at Awabakal Environmental Education Centre at Dudley. There are many more excursions to follow in the terms to come including NAMBUS, Sydney Law Courts and the Jewish Museum.

As a faculty we are looking forward to a great year.

Patricia Dybell  
Head Teacher HSIE

## MATHS

It is great to see that most students have started the year well; coming to class organised and ready to work. The points listed below are provided to ensure that this continues throughout the coming months.

- All students need to have a separate book that contains only Mathematics. Some classes may have a separate theory book as well.
- All students should bring at least two pens, a pencil and a ruler to every lesson.
- All students are required to bring a scientific calculator to every class. The recommended calculator is the CASIO fx - 82 AU PLUS 11, available from our school office.
- All students are required to bring their textbook to every lesson in their black text protector. If they need a new protector cover they can purchase one from the front office for \$5.
- All students should make it a priority to complete any set homework or assignments as this will consolidate the work completed in class and ensure that it has been fully understood.

Any student who still has a text book from last year or the year before is asked to return this to the Maths staffroom as quickly as possible so that we will have adequate books for our junior classes. Invoices have been sent to parents of any students that did not have a textbook at school at the end of last year. Thank you to those who have already paid these invoices. While there is storage in most rooms, students are reminded that the books are their responsibility and teachers are not in the classrooms at all times. Students are encouraged to take their books home to complete homework each night and ensure they have it at school for Maths lessons.

This year will see the implementation of the new national curriculum in Year 11 for Standard Mathematics. The frequent changing nature of the HSC has also necessitated students purchasing their own text book. These can be sourced privately or will be ordered through the school at a cost of \$65. If these books are kept in good condition they can be sold at the end of the course. Students in the Mathematics and Extension courses or HSC General 2 Mathematics may be able to purchase theirs second hand at a reduced rate.

	Preliminary (Year 11)	HSC (Year 12)
General 2 Mathematics		
Standard 2 Mathematics		
Mathematics (2 Unit)		
Extension 1 Mathematics (3 Unit)		

On a final note, the Mathematics Competition provides a valuable opportunity for students who enjoy a mathematical challenge to practice working through very challenging questions under test conditions. Every student that competed in the 2017 competition received either a CREDIT or a DISTINCTION certificate. Congratulations to these students. It would be great to see more students participate in this challenge in Term 3.

Kerry Thompson  
Head Teacher Mathematics



## SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS

Our faculty is growing with the addition of a new class, the Multi-Categorical or MC class. We would like to welcome our new teacher Mr Daniel Hutchinson to our team. He has many years teaching experience in Special Education.

All of the students have settled into their routines and are ready to tackle 2018. This term staff will be endeavouring to organise meetings with parents and carers to facilitate learning goals and organise Individual Learning Plans.

This year we have many different programs to enrich each students learning. These programs are designed to assist the students' into the transition of the adult world. Some of the programs will be: Big Picture, Coffee Shop, Delta Reading, Community Access, Star Struck and Stephanie Alexander Gardening Program.

It was wonderful to see many of the students participate and socialise at our recent swimming carnival. It was great to see students competing or just swimming and enjoying themselves with their friends. This day is a fantastic opportunity to generate friendships and participate in exercise.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you do have any concerns. We all look forward to a rewarding year.



The Special Education Team



## WEDNESDAY READING PROGRAM

The Wednesday Reading Program will soon be starting up again for 2018. This program offers an individualised literacy program for year seven students who may benefit from a bit of extra help.

Letters have been sent home for students who have been invited to participate in the program.

If you have any enquiries about the Reading Program, please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you are interested in joining the wonderful group of tutors on a Wednesday morning to assist the students, you will be very welcome.

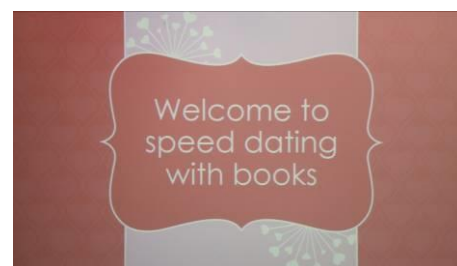
Yvette Fulton  
LAST



## LIBRARY

### Speed Dating with Books

For Valentine's week students from Years 7 to 10, in their English classes, went on speed dates with books. Library tables were clad in pink and red tablecloths and a selection of books displayed. Students were given four minute dates with a selection of library books. They were able to enjoy a variety of books before making a serious commitment (a two week loan) to one book. Students received a chocolate heart at the end of the lesson.



The activity hopefully allows students to experience the range of books in the library and promotes enjoyment of reading and literacy.



Julie Davis  
Librarian

### P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be Wednesday February 21, 2018 at 5.30pm in the staff common room. Everyone welcome to attend.

### HAVE YOU FOLLOWED BELMONT HIGH ON FACEBOOK YET?

<https://www.facebook.com/BelmontHS/>

## WELFARE

### NRL Wellbeing Assembly

Two representatives from the NRL recently visited our Year 7 and Year 8 students to spread a most valuable message: To **DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE**...Using current NRL players to inspire our students to dream big, believe in their ability to ultimately achieve their dreams.

The behaviour of our Year 7 and 8 cohort should be commended with respect and interest being displayed.

Thank you to the NRL for taking an interest in our youth – helping create responsible and well-grounded adults who are set for success.



### Year 7 Immunisation

Year 7 students had their first vaccinations on Tuesday February 13 with students displaying resilience and offering reassurance to their fellow class mates. Well done for coping with the humidity on the day. Hopefully your arms have recovered. The second round of vaccinations for year 7 will be held on September 18. If any student missed the first round they can catch on this day.

### Wellbeing Programs

We have a number of Wellbeing programs operating during the year supporting students with resilience, self-esteem, confidence building, peers pressure, coping with loss, anger management and cyber safety. If you believe that your child could benefit from one or more of these programs please don't hesitate to contact their Year Adviser, relieving Head Teacher Welfare (Karen Newman) or Student Support Officer (Karen Sawyer).

The BHS Welfare Team

## TRANSITION

2018 will bring many opportunities for students to participate in programs we offer to assist with their transition from school to the workforce. These are usually voluntary programs that student's agree to participate in with the understanding that they are required to catch up on any missed class work. This skills often gained through such experiences are invaluable to many. All students are welcome to come and chat about what programs will be on offer and indicate their interest.



Suitability will often be determined by assessing their behaviour and assessing their behaviour and attendance record as school funding resources need to be carefully allocated.

Beginning Thursday week 3 is our first Cinema Work Readiness Program. This involves students accessing public transport to and from Event Cinemas Kotara where they undertake a variety of activities that assist in building required skills for the workforce – notably team building, communication and organisational skills.

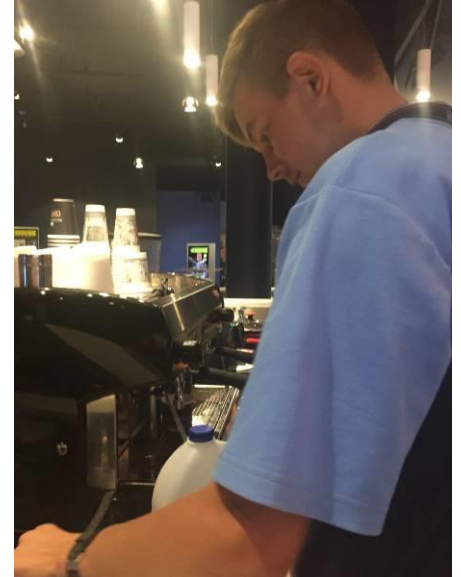
This has been a very enjoyable and successful program in the past with one of our students obtaining paid employment as a result of his outstanding behaviour and ability. We will be running this program again throughout the year – any year 10 students is welcome to put their name on a reserve list for coming sessions.

#### **Narla Village Volunteers**

BHS students have had a long association with Narla Village aged care facility. Any year 9 or 10 students who believe they would enjoy working with the elderly within a team environment in the activities room are invited to see Mrs Newman to discuss their involvement throughout Term 1. This often requires a visit 1 morning per week to assist/run activities such as bingo, craft and painting nails, just to name a few.

This volunteer work gives satisfaction to all involved as they often feel they are assisting others and making the residents day just that little bit brighter.

Karen Newman  
Transition Coordinator





## COFFEE SHOP 2018

Another year of the Coffee Shop program has begun with great enthusiasm from both our Coffee Shop Crew and staff who are eager to pick up their tasty treats each Wednesday.

We welcome some new students to our team and can already see the enjoyment it brings to their school day. Brennan, Tyler and Mia are quickly learning the skills required to work in a busy Coffee Shop and are assisted by our very capable senior students. Well done guys!

Visits from staff, family members and fellow students are always welcome and often eagerly anticipated. Sweet treats, tea, coffee and milkshakes are available for morning tea from 10.50am and our lunch menu is available between 12 noon and 1.15pm.

The Coffee Shop program has great educational benefits with students practicing their skills in food preparation, communication, mathematics, organisation, problem solving and team work. Both student and staff wellbeing are also positive outcomes achieved as there are always plenty of smiles, tasty food items and a happy work environment is always a high priority.

The restructuring of Coffee Shop late in Term 4 2017 has encouraged increased student engagement and a greater variety of skill development as a varied weekly menu has been introduced with students preparing all food items during the morning of Coffee Shop.

We are all looking forward to another fantastic year in Coffee Shop!

Karen Newman  
Coffee Shop Coordinator



## BHS SCRIPTURE TEACHER

Hi! My name is **Kate Robertson**, and I am your Belmont High year 7 Scripture teacher.

I have been teaching at Belmont High in various capacities for several years now. I am a trained teacher and have been employed by Belmont Churches to teach high school SRE over the past seven years. It is always great getting to know the new Year 7 students, hearing about their interests, challenges, thoughts and ideas.

Over the school years it is also a privilege to continue to be a part of their lives and to see them growing up within the positive school culture of Belmont High.

Teaching what is common across the denominational spectrum, scripture lessons are engaging, relevant and thought provoking as we make use of short video clips and interactive games. We take basic Christian values and discuss how these can impact our lives today. For example: good character and integrity are developed over time and the choices we make today will impact tomorrow.

Whether religiously minded or not, students are given the opportunity to ask questions, explore and learn for themselves what it is that others believe.

Students are free to question, agree or disagree, as well as express their own ideas.

All across the Hunter many schools have found a professional SRE program to be a valued part of their school's curriculum and overall educational experience.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Kate Robertson

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to the generous support of the combined churches of this district, our school is able to offer Scripture for all students in Years 7. These classes will be offered **once every fortnight**. The classes are taken evenly out of different non elective subjects.

This is a very well organised program and is not linked to any specific denomination but allows young students the chance to discuss, question, think and ultimately make decisions for themselves regarding the Christian faith. I believe that this program is an excellent initiative for our students and supports our school community's values and ethical behaviour.

If however, you **do not** wish your child to participate please contact the school so that we can make alternative arrangements for the supervision of your child during these classes. As always, please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this or any other part of your child's education.

Yours Sincerely

Head Teacher Wellbeing  
Karen Newman

Scripture Coordinator  
Kate Robertson

**(Please sign and return the note below if you DO NOT wish your child to attend SRE classes)**

I do not wish my child \_\_\_\_\_ of Roll Class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the SRE program.

I understand that I may elect to change my decision regarding SRE participation at any time.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# CAPA

## Music

We are back for another year of music making at Belmont High School. We like to welcome all our incoming year 7 students and new students from other year groups to all the fabulously exciting activities we have on offer here at Belmont High.

### Classroom Music

All Year 7 students are well into our first lot of work learning all about drums, rhythm and beat! All year 7 students need to pay their music fees (\$15) to cover the cost of their Music Book (Blue) and all other resources used in music classes for the year. A huge thank you to all our students who have already paid for their books we look forward to all our students having a book to use by the end of the week.

Year 9 and 10 are moving onto new topics and working in class ensemble groups to make awesome music in their classroom lessons

Year 11 and 12 (our seniors) are moving closer to the HSC each day. With two very large classes we are all very busy learning new pieces and building that all important repertoire list.

### Reprise 2018

Our students will be off to the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music on Friday February 16, 2018 to watch and participate in Reprise 2018. This is a local initiative where HSC Music students are auditioned to perform at a state of the art concert involving the best HSC candidates in Music 1 or 2 Examinations. Belmont High will be proudly represented by our two Band 6 performing students Shanell Van Koeverden and Robert Foley, performing on trumpet and guitar respectively. We wish Shanell and Robert all the best for their performances and also wish to thank the BHS students (Emily Gill, Lily Gibson, Callan Rickford, Ayden Cuskelly, Billy Croese and Brandon Bourke and all in year 12 and 11) who are accompanying Shanell for her performance on Friday.

### Vocal Ensemble

Vocal Ensemble has started the year off with a lot of activities on their agenda. Our first mission is to audition the choir for a place in the mass choir for Starstruck. Students interested in this venture will be asked to audition late in term one.

All year 7 students have been auditioned for Vocal Ensemble membership and letters are being sent home this week for all successful applicants. All students are welcome at Vocal Ensemble, held every Wednesday at lunch time in J6 Music room. Students should see Mrs Gill during recess times for further information.

Vocal Ensemble will be learning new songs in preparation for ANZAC services and Choralfest early next term.

Concert Band has begun for another year with a large number of students present at our first rehearsal last Monday. Concert band is for all musicians from years 7-12, of any ability level from beginner to advanced. The concert band rehearses in P8 on Mondays from 2.10-4.00pm every Monday afternoon. From this ensemble students are placed in other ensembles according to an instrumental need or ability. The repertoire this ensemble plays is based around movie themes and rock songs and is of an advanced nature.

Junior Concert Band rehearses in P8 on Mondays at lunchtime. Junior Band is for all new players, year 7 and year 8 students, and any student who plays a second instrument of a different nature. Many of our year 9 students have returned to junior band for 2018 to help mentor our junior players. The repertoire for the ensemble is rock based and much easier than the music of Concert Band.

Stage Band is another ensemble running again for 2018. This will kick off on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 in P8 at lunchtime. This is primarily a jazz ensemble and focuses on playing music of a jazz style often with a rock influence. Stage band is for advanced students who play alto sax, tenor sax, baritone sax, trumpet, trombone, drums, bass, guitar and keyboard.

Percussion Ensemble is for all our drummers. This ensemble is set up like an American style Marching Band with all drums being played separately. Students are taught rhythms and patterns to play called Cadences and will be assessed by our capable drum tutor Dylan McElhone. This ensemble has snare drums, bass drums, quad drums and cymbal players. All students will be encouraged to read percussion scores and music. Any interested drummers should see Mrs Gill for information. Percussion ensemble rehearses Wednesdays at lunchtime in P8.



**Peripatetic Tutoring**

Our tutoring program has kicked off again for another year. There are over 60 students all having their music lessons here at school during the school day. We have 7 tutors present during the week and students are now having 30 minute lessons for a very reasonable fee of \$30 for a lesson. Tutors are paid directly for their work up front and parents are invoiced at the tutors' discretion.

Any interested students should contact Mrs Gill ASAP for an available time slot.

This year our tutors are:

Mr Shane Landry	- Saxophone/Clarinet (seniors)
Mr Dave Thompson	- Trumpets/Trombones
Mr Ben McCann	- guitar
Mr Dylan McElhone	- Saxophone/Clarinet/Drums/Bass/Everything
Miss Amber Lewis	- Singing
Mrs Jade Rawlinson	- Piano
Miss Sarah Mephram	- Flute

We look forward to another fantastic year of tutoring here at BHS.

**Performance Shirts**

All Ensemble members will need a performance shirt which is to be purchased from the front office for \$40. Students should then see Mrs Gill to get their shirt once it has been paid for.

Our Music department wishes all our families and students another happy new year of music making here at Belmont High School. All queries and questions are welcome to Mr or Mrs Gill through the school office.

Cheers from Mrs Gill, Mrs Johnson and Mr Gill  
Over and out!

**SPORT REPORT****Swimming Carnival**

We had a beautiful day for the swimming carnival, not too hot and no rain! We added in our 200m and 100m zone qualifier events this year to kick start the day. Continuous swims were popular among students, giving them a chance to cool off and earn points for their house. It is always the continuous swims that seems to separate the winning house from the others!

To finish the day we had the Champion of Champion event in which the 7 fastest female students and the 7 fastest male students were given the opportunity to fight it out and determine the fastest female and male swimmer in Belmont High School! Congratulations to Emma Field of Year 11 and Jackson Hunter of Year 9 who took out these events!

A massive thanks to all parents/guardians that took time out of their day to support our students. It is such a positive boost for students and we appreciate the support!

Thanks also to all staff for their help in ensuring that the day ran smoothly and made it fun for all involved. We hope to see more students next year!

The house points are as follows; **Cullen 1292, Lewers 1113, Marks 796 and Schofield 945**. Making Cullen the winning house for the 2018 Swimming Carnival! Well done to all Cullen students and to Mr Druery and Mr Bell who did a fantastic job motivating students to participate in events.

Unfortunately numbers were low on the day. Please remember that this is a compulsory school day and a lot of organisation goes into the day, plus attendance points add to the House Points

We hope to see many more students at the **Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March!**

**Age Champions**

Age	Male	Points	Female	Points
12	Ryke Denz	20	Tori Speakman	50
13	Lachlan McCarthy	58	Mia Egan Amelia Velkovski	10 10
14	Jackson Hunter	80	Sophie Davies	82
15	Flynn Wallace-Smith	50	Isabelle Field	58
16	Padraig Longstaff	10	Cheslea Speakman	60
17	Zac Burgess	58	Eloise Dorans-Knowles	58
Special Athlete	Paul Dougherty	14	Olivia Sweeting	
Champion Of Champions	Jackson Hunter 30.88		Emma Field 33.28	



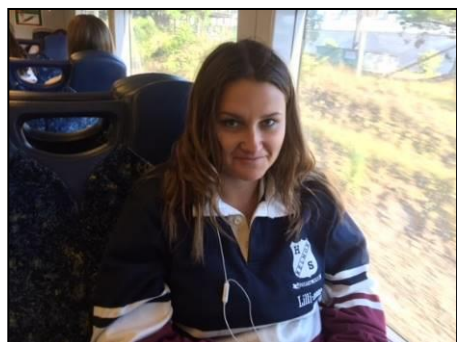
FUN FOR ALL @ SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2018





**Dance News**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Miss Fagg took 18 Year 11 and Year 12 Dance students to watch Callback 2017 at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. Callback showcases the top achieving students who completed the Dance HSC in 2017. The performances were amazing and helped to inspire our seniors and motivate them to achieve their best! It was a pleasure to accompany these students!

**Ashlyn Blackstock**

Ashlyn competed at the Athletics NSW Country Championships and won U15 Shot Put and Discus, U17 Shot Put and Discus and Open Shot Put, as the youngest in the field by 7 years! She also broke two records and has made the rankings for both events in U18s, U20s and Opens!

What a champ! Congratulations Ashlyn!





**An exciting new WHOLE School Program!**

Our school has been lucky enough to be picked to be involved in **Physical Activity for Everyone (PA4E1)**. PA4E1 is a research trial involving 49 schools, of which 24 will receive the physical activity program: PA4E1. This is an innovative physical activity program for secondary schools which aims to support students to maintain their physical activity levels as unfortunately through childhood and adolescence there is a decline in physical activity.

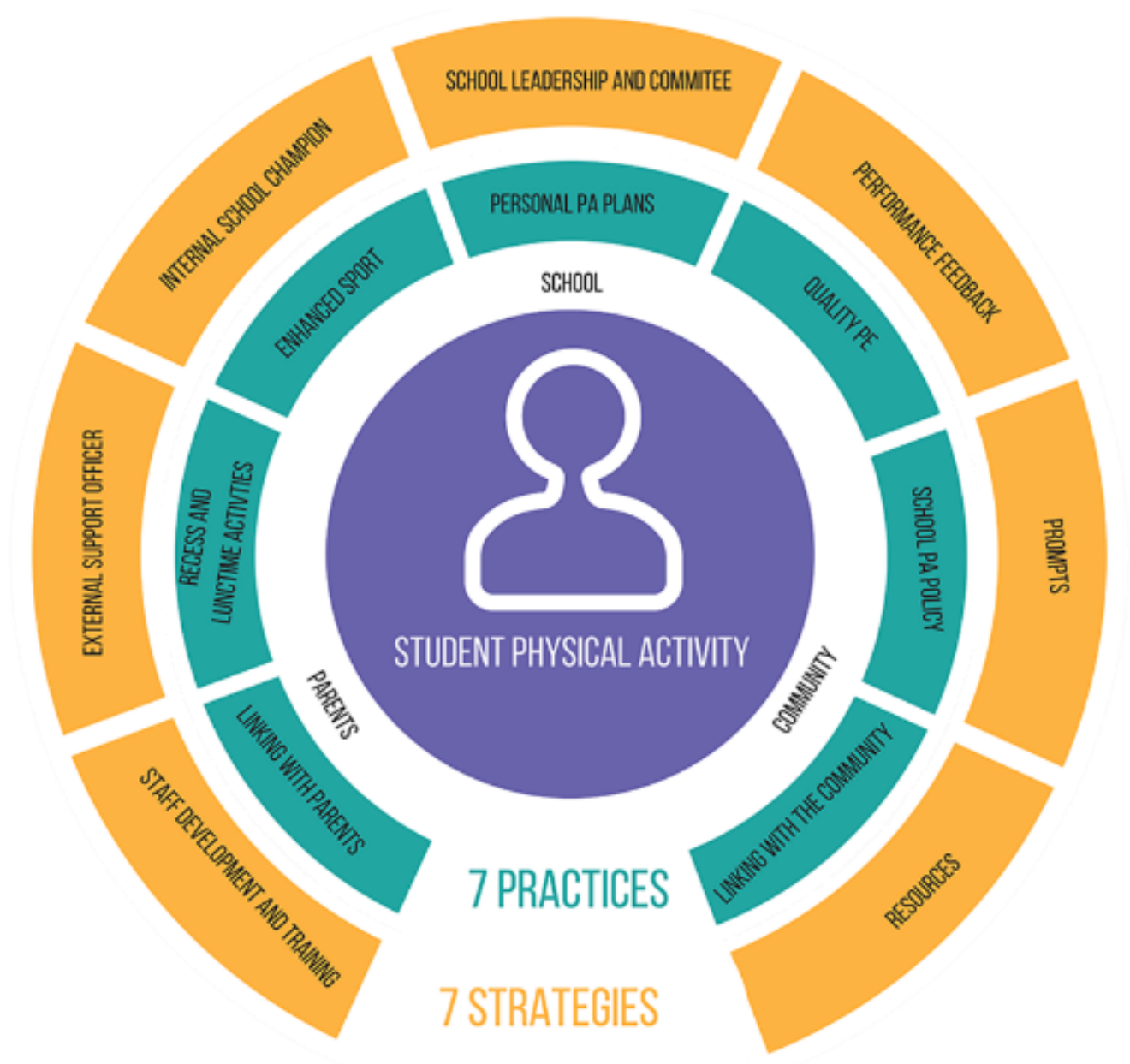
The main focus of the program will be on students in Year 7 in 2018, following their progression throughout the years, aiming to reduce the decline of students' physical activities throughout adolescence. (See the brochure below).

So far we have started the program by allowing students to borrow sport equipment during break times from our PE staff. Students leave a valuable item in replace of a ball/equipment which is then returned to them when the equipment is returned. This is helping to promote student Physical Activity levels while at school.

Soon we will be introducing structured break time activities that will be supervised and available for all students. Students will be completing a survey to help to decide what activities they would like to run. The link for the survey is as follows:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeu2GVGA1vRQ2pNBUBI5oW4kFDNdZdfAXKSyyvaKkk4yh\\_gbug/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeu2GVGA1vRQ2pNBUBI5oW4kFDNdZdfAXKSyyvaKkk4yh_gbug/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Please encourage students to complete this if they haven't already!



## Information on our physical activity program...



### Active kids do well in class!

Research shows....



Kids who are active...

... and eat well



Do better in class!

This is why our school has introduced the PA4E1 program.

### Did you know?

- The Government recommends kids do at least **60 minutes** of moderate-to-vigorous activity each day.
- This is activity which makes kids huff and puff!
- Sadly, only **1 in 5** kids meet the guidelines!\*

\* NSW SPANS Survey 2015

### Physical Activity for Everyone (PA4E1)

Our school is now part of PA4E1. This will help us in our aim to increase student physical activity levels. Some ways we will do this are:



More activity in our PE lessons

Creating physical activity plans



Resistance training at our school

More activities during our breaks



More information sent home

More links with our community



For more information, visit: [pa4e1.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](http://pa4e1.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)





**STUDENTS BEING ACTIVE AT LUNCHTIME!**

# CAREERS

Welcome to 2018! Careers is ready for another huge year!!

## CAT TEAM

The Careers and Transition team consists of:

- Careers Adviser: Mrs Natalie Hilder (Office next to A4)
- Transition Adviser: Mrs Karen Newman (TAS staffroom B BLOCK)
- HT VET: Mr Scott New (Math staffroom OR office near E7/E8)
- NESAC Coordinator: Mrs Sharon Gregory (English staffroom)
- CAT admin: Mrs Tracey Snowden (Library)

Please contact the appropriate personnel with any questions.

## COURSES

Every term BHS students will be able to gain qualifications and complete course at school. The Construction Safety Course (White card) and Provide First Aid Course will be on offer each term. Students need to collect a permission note from outside Careers and make payment at the front office to secure their position in the course. Dates for 2018 include:

First Aid Course	White Card course
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018

The first Aid course cost \$70 and the White Card course cost is \$85.

### **Please note:**

Any student who is wanting to complete work experience on a construction site MUST have a white card!!! All students MUST have a USI number to complete these courses!

## The USI

As part of the government's Smart and Skilled program most education courses will require you to provide a Unique Student Identifier (known as your USI). This number will remain with you for life and it will record ALL training and qualifications.

**You need to go to [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au) to apply. My best hints: The Medicare card seems to work best for ID. Having trouble? Take a photo of your Medicare card and see Mrs Hilder or Mrs Snowden in the library.**

## WORK EXPERIENCE DATES 2018

- Term 1 – April 3-6
- Term 2 – July 2-6
- Term 3 – September 24 -28
- Term 4 – December 3 -7

## TERM 1 2018

**Work Experience: April 3-April 6<sup>th</sup>. Paper work due 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

If there is a genuine job opportunity or another serious reason to do Work Experience at other times you need to approach Mrs Hilder with at least 2 weeks' notice.

### **How does a student organise their placement????**

All year 10 students will be given basic preparation and information early in term 1 during Careers lessons. All students MUST complete the work readiness booklet to be eligible to go on work experience. Students themselves should do most of the contacting of employers.

### **What can I do????**

You can:

- Work in most places. However, there are some restrictions that are the policy of DEC and some that are School policy... see below.
- Approach the employers yourself
- Work normal business hours for that industry
- Make sure you are speaking to the person in charge of Work Experience. In a large organization this is usually in the HR department.

You cannot:

- Go outside NSW (this includes ACT)



- Be paid for any work experience
- Work with firearms or weapons of any sort, tattoo& body piercing ,on a roof or in a ceiling , with horses, on a boats outside the "inshore limit ", psychics or other places that I think you should pursue "in your own time"
- Work after 10 pm or before 6 am
- Only one person should be working in one place
- Go to a place where you are already doing paid work

**Questions? Call Mrs Hilder Careers Adviser 4945 0600**

#### BHS CAREERS WEBSITE

[www.belmonthighcareers.com.au](http://www.belmonthighcareers.com.au)

Please use our school Careers website for all your Careers questions. It has information regarding TAFE, University, USI, Tax File numbers, etc.

Students can also create an account where they can complete resumes and cover letters.

Click 'For students'; Student secure area; Register; Login

Have a look around today!!!

Mrs Natalie Hilder  
Careers Adviser  
Natalie.hilder@det.nsw.edu.au

## SCHOOL SHOE REQUIREMENTS

The school must abide with the WH&S safety rules that are now law in all DEC schools across the state. When purchasing your child's footwear, use the following images as a general guide.

All shoes **MUST** be full leather, black shoes. Our uniform code states that these shoes are to be worn on all school days except Thursday, when full leather sports shoes must be worn.

- **Correct Footwear** – for use with our school uniform – **black leather, lace up shoes**. Must not extend over the ankle or have a platform. The leather must cover the whole foot for safety.



- **Incorrect Footwear** – Due to WH&S policy and the safety of your child slip on shoes and shoes that do not cover the whole foot are **NOT** acceptable.



- **Correct Footwear for Sport** – Sport shoes should be predominantly white, either lace up or Velcro. Shoes should be supportive of the feet during exercise. The whole of the upper foot must have a solid cover.



- **Incorrect sports shoes** - Slip on sports shoes are not permitted, these include canvas shoes as they are not supportive or appropriate for sport and PE.



## Country Feeling at "THE CAGE"

Belmont High School Uniform Shop

Opening Hours  
Term 4

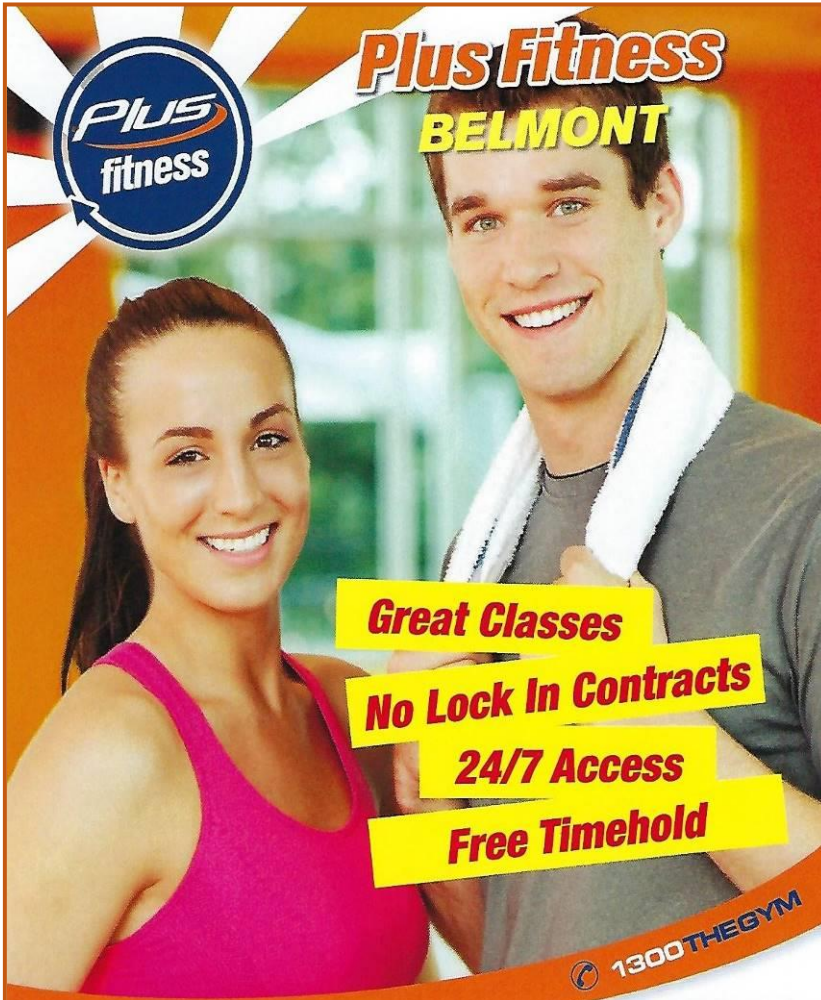
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>12.40pm - 1.20pm</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>3.00pm - 4.00pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8.15am - 9.15am</b>

EFTPOS available

All cheques to be made payable to  
COUNTRY FEELING

Entry outside school hours via Albert Street

 <b>Belmont High School</b> <b>Uniform Shop Price List</b> 	
<b><u>Girls Uniform</u></b>	
Blouse - Junior and Senior	\$31.00
Skirt - Junior and Senior	\$45.00
Rugby Sports Shorts	\$22.00
Dress Shorts	\$40.00
<b><u>Boys Uniform</u></b>	
Blue Polo	\$32.00
Sports Shorts	\$29.00
Senior S/S Shirt	\$26.00
Senior White Polo	\$26.00
<b><u>Unisex Items</u></b>	
Sports Polo	\$30.00
Jacket	\$56.00
Polar Fleece Jumper	\$35.00
Sloppy Joe	\$30.00
Knit Jumper - size 8	\$65.00
Knit Jumper - size 10/12	\$70.00
Knit Jumper - size 14/16	\$75.00
Knit Jumper - size 18	\$80.00





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- Family friendly environment.
- Looking for players from ages 6 to 17, boys and girls.
- Play at one of the best sporting facilities in regional NSW

**Try Rugby for free:** Friday's in February, 5-6pm, Willow road Gateshead.

**Get your \$100 active kids voucher (to use on rego costs) from:**

[www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids)

**Registration is online, from 1/2/2018 at:**

[www.rugby.sportzvault.com](http://www.rugby.sportzvault.com) Search for Southern Beaches JRUFC

**Rego Costs:** (includes shorts and socks and all other insurance costs and affiliation / playing fees).

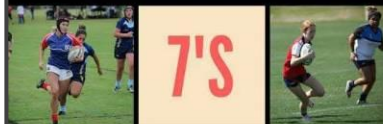
- Under 7's and 8's: \$100
- Under 9's and 10's: \$140
- Under 11's to 16's: \$150
- Girls 7's under 15's and 17's: \$100

**Facebook page:** Southern Beaches Junior Rugby

**Contact:** Lucas Bull on 0434111927



## GIRLS SUMMER



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Running from 9/2/2018 to 16/3/2018.

Home Ground: Ernie Calland Fields, Willow Road Gateshead.

Training commences :

Thursday 25/1/2017, 5-6pm.

### Further information:

Lucas Bull 0434 111 927

[Beaches.Bull@bigpond.com](mailto:Beaches.Bull@bigpond.com)

Find us on Facebook:

**Southern Beaches Junior Rugby**



**Scott Colyer**

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[www.livingstrongphysio.com.au](http://www.livingstrongphysio.com.au)

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## BELMONT BASEBALL CLUB

**COME AND TRY BASEBALL  
& JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAYS**

**SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 9AM - 10.30AM**

**FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 5.30 - 7PM**

**WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 5PM - 6.30PM**

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## 1ST BELMONT SCOUTS TERM 1 2018

### Our six-word story

#Fun # Friendship # Adventure # Teamwork #Skills # Leadership

## SECTIONS

For more details, look up each section's Term Program in [belmontscouts.org](http://belmontscouts.org).

### JOEYS @ 5.15-6.15PM, THURSDAY

Fun youth program for boys and girls (6-8 years) where themed programs give Joeys the platform to develop friendships and help other people.

- 8/2 Combined group night @ 5.45pm
- 15/2 Circus
- 22/2 Our Lake
- 1/3 Fishing
- 4/3 Clean up Aust
- 8/3 Growing things

### CUBS @ 6.30PM - 8:00PM, THURSDAY

Boys and girls (8-10 years) are introduced to traditional Scouting skills such as tying knots and using a map and compass, and take part in outdoor adventures and develop leadership skills.

- 8/2 Combined group night @ 5.45pm
- 15/2 Bike safety and skills
- 22/2 Dip netting with Charlestown Cub Pack
- 1/3 Paddlefest Prep (Boat building)
- 8/3 Making menu and shopping for sleepover
- 10/3 Sleepover

### SCOUTS @ 6.30-8.00PM, THURSDAY

Scouts (girls and boys 11-13 years) participate in leadership development and in extraordinary variety of outdoor activities, from 'traditional Scouting skills' such as camping and bush craft to rock climbing and abseiling!

- 8/2 Combined group night @ 5.45pm
- 15/2 Road safety and mock emergency
- 22/2 Dip netting with Cubs
- 1/3 Knots and lashings
- 4/3 Clean up Aust
- 8/3 Construction

### VENTURERS @ 7-9PM, MONDAY

Boys and girls (14-17 years) no previous scouting experience required. It's a do-it-yourself mix of fun, adventure and personal challenge that will bring you together with other young people who feel the same way across Lake Macquarie District.

- 5/2 Go-Karting - Warners Bay
- 8/2 Combined Group night @ 5.45pm
- 12/2 Aerial Soccer - Swansea Hall
- 19/2 Cardboard sledging, night hike and fire - Mount Sugarloaf
- 26/2 Bike Hike and Ice Cream - Warners Bay to Speers Point
- 5/3 Playdough making and apocalypse monster sculpture
- 12/3 SES Depot Visit - Boolaroo

## SCOUTS GET READY FOR AN ACTIVE 2018

Thousands of Scouting families around New South Wales are set to benefit from the NSW Government's Active Kids Rebate, with Scouts NSW eligible to be a provider of the Program. From 31 January 2018, each school-aged child in Scouts can receive a \$100 voucher to go towards covering membership fees for the calendar year under NSW's Government's Active Kids Rebate Program. Apply now on [www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids).

The aim of the Scout Association of Australia is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. [nsw.scouts.com.au](http://nsw.scouts.com.au)

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