

We, at Bourke High, believe that all students can succeed. Bourke High School is a caring school and we acknowledge that effective learning takes place when students and teachers feel secure and safe, where morale is high, where people are happy and where a high value is placed on working together.



Principal Report

This week our Year 12 students are completing their trial HSC examinations. These exams are often their most significant assessment tasks of each subject and also provide a relevant and timely snapshot on learning progress before their larger HSC examinations next term. After the trial HSC examination results are returned all Year 12 students are encouraged to seek feedback from their teachers in preparation for their HSC exams.

These next few weeks represent the last valuable opportunity for Year 12 students to squeeze every last drop of knowledge out of their teachers which could potentially make all the difference in the end. Year 12 students have all been issued with their Year 12 hoodies and they look fantastic. It is the first time we have gone away from the jersey look and speaking from my own personal opinion I think we're on a winner.

Further on Year 12 we do realise that graduation ceremony and Year 12 formal are very important events in the lives of our students and their families. As you all know these events have been affected by COVID-19 and current Health advice on social gatherings. We are determined to provide our Year 12 students with memorable experiences to finish off their secondary schooling. As we keep abreast of advice from NSW Health we will keep our Year 12 students and their families informed of our plans as they come together.

Last week four of our Year 12 students did a fantastic job representing the school and the wider Bourke community in an online conversation with Her Excellency, The Governor of New South Wales. Lekeisha Orcher, Sophie Matthews, Charli Ibbotson and Jemmah Knight all spoke proudly about living in Bourke and their plans for next year beyond high school. As a Principal it doesn't get a whole lot better than seeing four confident young people speaking about their future aspirations with direction and certainty. I could tell the Governor was also duly impressed.

All parents of students in years 7-10 should have received their child's half yearly reports in the mail recently. If you have not received a report please call the school and we can arrange to have one dropped off for you. Due to our limitations on being able to run parent teacher interviews we would ask any parent who would like to discuss their child's report to please ring the school and we will arrange interviews as requested.

Year 10 students will be selecting their electives for Years 11 and 12 this term. This year we will be involving parents in this initial discussion. If you are a parent or carer of a Year 10 student we will be contacting you in coming weeks to organise a time to sit down and talk about subject selections. I absolutely believe that the more parental

### Reminders

MINDFUL MAKERS

Monday afternoon

Bourke High School Art Rm

3.30 pm to 5.00pm





involvement there is in a child's education, the more likelihood that child is of achieving success.

I would like to congratulate Murray Wood on completing his Bachelor of Arts/Education (Secondary) at Southern Cross University. Murray has been studying part-time while working as an SLSO at Bourke High School over the past three years. He is now a fully qualified teacher of Aboriginal Studies, Geography and History and will begin teaching at Bourke High School next week. I am sure the rapport he has built with the students of Bourke will hold him in good stead and I wish him all the best I throughout his career. The fact that he changed his pattern of study to focus on the subject of Aboriginal Studies after moving to Bourke is an indicator of his motivation and also to the fact that our students will undoubtedly benefit from having his expert knowledge in the school.

## Did you see our Education week videos

As part of Education week Bourke High School posted some videos onto our face book page of our Students and Staff undertaking a range of amazing activities within the school.

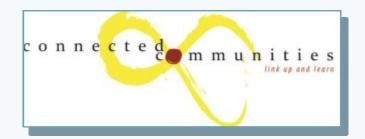
Thank you to ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF who participated in highlighting our school.

Thank you to Mr Cameron Rodwell who twicked the videos which looked great online.

If you haven't seen them click onto our Face book page.

## BHS Stage 6 Students meet NSW Governor





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#### Have your details changed?

If you have moved or changed your phone number please call the office and let us know.

If your child has medical information that is important to his/her health please call us so we can update your file. This includes information on allergies and medication.

If your child will be absent due to illness or family circumstances please call the office and let us know.



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