



# BELRIDGE SECONDARY ESC NEWS

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## Important Dates

**Belsurf**  
**Friday 10th**  
**March**

**Parent Evening**  
**Thursday 16th**  
**March**

**Year 12 School Ball**  
**Friday 31st**  
**March**

**School Development Day—Pupil Free**  
**Friday 3rd**  
**March**

**Public Holiday**  
**Labour Day**  
**Monday 6th**  
**March**

**Last Day of Term 1**  
**Friday 7th**  
**April**

## From the Principals Desk

Welcome back for 2017 to our entire school community—students, parents, guardians and staff. I trust that everybody had a safe and relaxing school holiday break and ready and raring to go for the year ahead. A special welcome to all of our new students, families and staff who have joined us this year—I know that you will enjoy your time with us here at Belridge Secondary Education Support Centre. This year we have students who have joined us from a range of different schools in Years 7 and they are to be congratulated on the way that they have seamlessly settled into the routines of a Secondary School environment. Well done one and all! The ease with which our students have settled in is a tribute to the quality of the transition program here at Belridge Secondary ESC that enables our incoming students to be more confident in attending a secondary school environment. I have had many positive comments from parents who are just delighted at their child's positive approach to attending school on a daily basis. All Year 7 parents will be asked to participate in a brief Year 7 Transition Survey which will help us to inform future planning. We also welcome a number of new staff to our school and I am sure that you will find being a part of the team here at Belridge Secondary ESC and working with our students to be extremely rewarding and enjoyable!

As usual Term 1 is always extremely busy and this term is no exception with a number of public holidays (including the Easter break) and special events already planned. Please make note of the dates that are highlighted in this newsletter. Our first School Development Day is scheduled for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. A Parent evening will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March in Week 7 from 5.30pm until 7.30pm and we hope that you can join us. Parents are invited to join us outside ESC 1 and 2 where we shall be having some light finger foods and refreshments from 6 pm until approximately 6.30 pm. Following this the classrooms shall be open until approximately 7.30 pm. Further information will be sent home closer to the date.

Every semester parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher to prioritise and determine Individual goals for our students. These meetings have already begun and our teaching staff are all looking forward to meeting with you at this time as this is a valued opportunity to collectively plan with parents as partners in education. As these meetings have already begun quite early in the year these meetings will be an ideal opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and develop an awareness of class programs and structures. IEP's with formalised outcomes will be sent home for parents to review.

We have many students who access the School Bus Service which is operated by the Public Transport Authority. Parents/carers are reminded to **please inform your bus driver if their child is absent, has an appointment or are not using the bus on any particular day. Please also inform the school of any changes to avoid any confusion.** The bus service is at a premium and it is necessary for students to be prompt when being collected as any delays impact on all other students on the bus. **Parents are also reminded that the gated car park at the front of the school is not for the collection and drop off of students.** This is an Occupational Health and Safety requirement and only students who are eligible for ACROD parking are able to access this car park. Please be mindful of the need to be vigilant and patient when collecting your child due to the increased number of students on our site.

Our Year 12 students continue to look forward to their School Ball on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Perth. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to get into formal attire and celebrate their years of formal schooling - this is always a very special evening and is enjoyed by both students and staff and is always a highly anticipated event by all students at Belridge!

Our new Administration area is complete and is located to the right of the Secondary College Administration at the front of the school. We are extremely happy with our new space which is more welcoming area for our families and students as well as being a better working environment for our corporate services staff.

We look forward to working alongside you all to continue to provide an exceptional educational environment for your child here at Belridge Secondary ESC in 2017.

Once again congratulations to all students on the mature manner in which they have settled into the new school year and we all look forward to an extremely positive year ahead.

Kind regards

Jenine Wall



## Year 7-1

Hello!

A very warm welcome to all the new staff and students in class 7-1! It feels like you have always been here already and it's only week 5. It's been fantastic to get to know each and every student and all their wonderful parents and carers. Together we have ensured that everyone has settled into Belridge Secondary ESC exceptionally well. It can be very tough and a bit scary starting a new school but I am so proud of the way everyone has adapted to their new routine, found their way around the school and formed new friendships.

Our classroom currently consists of seven wonderful students, two regular support staff and of course me! Ms Chrissie Horley works with us every day. Mrs Kim Adams works with us every day apart from Tuesday when Mrs Margit Wood joins us, and Miss Carmen Simpson is currently working with us while Mrs Adams is away. We are also lucky enough to have Miss Maddison Graybrook helping us on Thursdays in Home Economics, Dance and D & T. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each other, playing introductory games and completing 'about me' activities to ease us in to the first year at high school.

As we are now in week 5 all teaching and learning programs are well underway. Programs focus on developing students' literacy and numeracy skills as well as working on their independent living, social and communication skills. Science and Humanities is taught to both year 7 classes combined and our current topics are Biology in Science and Weather and Climate in Humanities. I am really pleased to say that everyone has engaged and worked really hard to complete all tasks given, so a big thumbs up from me!

That's all from me for now... I could not be happier with the start to this term. I am thoroughly enjoying teaching everyone in the class and really proud of the progress demonstrated so far.



**Miss Emma Reed**  
**Year 7-1 Teacher**



## Year 7-2

Welcome to class 7-2 as they begin their first year journey in high school. They have had a great start to the year, with many new and exciting experiences. Let's introduce all the new year 7 students:



Megan



Andrew



Shaneece



Zoe



Charlie



Libby



Xander

The students have commenced D&T classes, something new to them in High School. So far, they have made beautiful picture frames to take home. They all looked amazing! Looking forward to seeing what other creations they make throughout the year.

In Science, both year 7 classes join together for hands on lessons. So far we have started looking at living and non living. The students found items from outside and categorised them into the two groups. Here is a picture of the class discoveries.



We have also started joining in with some other year groups for sports. On a Monday: we play cricket with the year 8 class next door to us, and on a Tuesday, all the year 7's, 8's and 9's choose different sport activities. It's a great way for the students to try different activities and interact with other students.

Everyone is excited to see what the rest of the year brings!

**Miss Crystal Thompson**  
Year 7-1 Teacher



## Year 7-11 MAG

What a fantastic start to the year by our students. They have settled in so well with all the changes: A new classroom, 2 new teachers and 2 new EA's (Miss Bolanca and Miss Bagiatis). We welcome 2 new students to the class also in Caitlin and Jeremy and welcome back Levi, Moses, Adam, Shane, Dhruv, Mrs Medina and Mrs Corley.

The class has a great timetable this semester with visits to mainstream teachers for Dance and Cooking. They are all enjoying these classes showing some great moves on the dance floor and producing some yummy food to taste and take home.

They have also begun 3 ASDAN modules, Gardening, Sensory and Swimming. In Gardening, we have started by weeding the garden after the summer holidays as it was dry and dead. For the Sensory module we enjoyed making and exploring the properties of play dough. Friday swimming lessons have started well and all students seem to be enjoying their time in the water judging by the smiling faces.

A Health and Hygiene programme will be a priority for students this semester as we tackle skills needed for keeping our teeth, face and hands clean and our hair brushed and tidy.

We look forward to the term ahead and working with this great group of students.



**Ms Kim Butler & Ms Tonya Vander Loop  
Year 7-11 MAG Teachers**



## Year 8-1

Students have settled into their new classroom and new routines wonderfully. They have put in an amazing effort weeding and feeding the garden beds outside of our classroom ready for planting deliciously healthy fruits and vegetables that we hope to enjoy as part of our crunch and sip sessions.

In Civics and Citizenship we have started reading *The Breadwinner* which follows the life of a young girl called Parvana who since the Taliban took over Afghanistan, has rarely been outdoors. Girls have been barred from attending school, shopping at the market, or even playing in the streets of Kabul. Students have been comparing the freedoms and choices boys and girls in Australia enjoy compared to those who live in Afghanistan.

Our Science focus is Biology this term. We have been exploring the structure and functions of cells by learning a new scientific word and function each week. So far we have explored: cell, cytoplasm, nucleus, DNA and cell membrane. We have made a model cell using a balloon (cell membrane) filled with water (cytoplasm), pieces of string (DNA) and a marble (nucleus). Next week we will be making a cell we can eat!

This term in English we have been reading for meaning and enjoyment, enhancing our communication skills and writing simple through to complex sentences. We have also been focusing on encouraging students to make comments, share thoughts and ideas.

In Math we are working well in our groups and gaining core skills in measurement, money, numeracy, time, statistics and probability. Our Math sessions often incorporate many options for students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding which provide students with challenges and repetition with variety.

Year 8-1 students are very excited about the year ahead; students are looking forward to MultiLit, Belsurf, the Sports Carnival, D&T, voting for student council, excursions, lower school sports sessions, Home Economics and swimming. I am sure we will all have a great time taking part in all of the fantastic and challenging events and projects we have planned.



**Mrs Nichola Manship**  
**Year 8-1 Teacher**



## Year 8-2

Year 8-2 students have started the year brilliantly. They are hardworking, friendly and cooperative students who are a pleasure to teach. We have also welcomed a new student Nelly Evenis who is quickly making new friends and fitting in well with the rest of the class. Welcome Nelly.

So far this term we have learned about Chinese New Year, bacteria and the importance of washing your hands and we have completed experiments about whether air has weight. Please see the photos of the activities we completed while learning about these topics.

Mrs Cotton, Mrs Gellard, Mrs McDade and Mrs Clarke are our classroom EAs and have been working super hard with the students to help ensure a smooth start to the year. Ms Carlyon is teaching the class the Arts and they attend Home Economics with Mrs Jennifer Dwyer and D&T with Mr Silva. They are cooking and building up a storm, with hamburgers, quiches and fish and chips all on the menu and the students have just completed making a wooden car with trailer toy.

We look forward to an exciting remainder of Term 1



**Mrs Pauline Egan**  
**Year 8-2 Teacher**

## Year 9-1

Well we are in week five and the term is flying by. It is great to see all the students back, with smiles on their faces and ready to learn. Our year 9 class has fantastic students, including a new student Abhijoy. We would like to welcome Abhijoy to our class. The students have made a great effort to welcome him to his new school. We (Vicky Lade and Lee Sutherland) have joined the Belridge Secondary ESC teaching team. We share teaching this wonderful class and are supported by our brilliant Education Assistants that comprise of Sophie Retallack, Kelly Taylor, Sue King and Jo Stracey.

This term we have some interesting topics that we are studying across all curriculum areas. In one of the electives Design and Technology, the students have created a race track from various recycled materials. Constructing the piece of track was organised so the students worked in pairs and then as a team in order to join all individual pieces together. It has been a great project to start off the year and 9-1 has had a lot of fun playing with the finished product.

In Science Mrs Lade is teaching the topic of ecosystems. The students have shown a great interest in this area and are excited with the activities and discussions that are taking place in the classroom. This week we looked at what all living things need in order to survive. For an experiment based around this we have planted some seeds and we will be researching if in fact sunlight and water effect the survival of these seeds. Watch this space to see our plants at the end of term.

Mrs Sutherland has been working on History with the students and they have been looking at some important innovations of different transportation and technological devices. The class is looking at the horse and carriage as well as the telephone, radio, bicycles just to name a few and seeing how these things have changed and advanced over time and what they look like and how we use them today.

Our class is filled with learning and laughter. We all strive to be kind to one another and hope to make each day an enjoyable one.



**Mrs Victoria Lade  
& Mrs Leoni Sutherland  
Year 9-1 Teachers**

## Year 9-2

Welcome back after a great summer holiday break!

The children have been settling in well and are getting used to the new room, schedule, weekly routines and staff; Mr Davey, Mrs Curran, Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Wood.

On Mondays for news the children have presented some great recounts of their weekend activities and finished by writing a formal version using complete sentences and paragraphs then proof reading and editing for spelling, capital letters and full stops.

To sharpen our Maths skills; counting, place value and addition, the children have been challenging each other playing the games *Make Ten* and the *Exchange Game*; we have all enjoyed the competition and learning. To practice our money skills we have been using the one up strategy and will transfer this to a real-life setting when we visit Coles in the coming weeks. We have finalised our spelling groups and will begin using Spelling City's interactive website on our iPads to learn our weekly lists. A note will be sent home shortly introducing how to use the website, username and login to access the set learning activities.

In science we tapped into our super human strength to ***bend straws with our eyes!*** Actually we are learning about light waves and refraction.



In D & T the fantastic race track has been finished under the guidance of Mr Silva and next the children will be applying their developing woodworking skills to make some new and fabulous creations.



We are looking forward to more hands on class activities and school events over the semester, so please remember to keep checking diaries for notes and news.

ENJOY!

**Mrs Susan Osborne**  
**Year 9-2 Teacher**



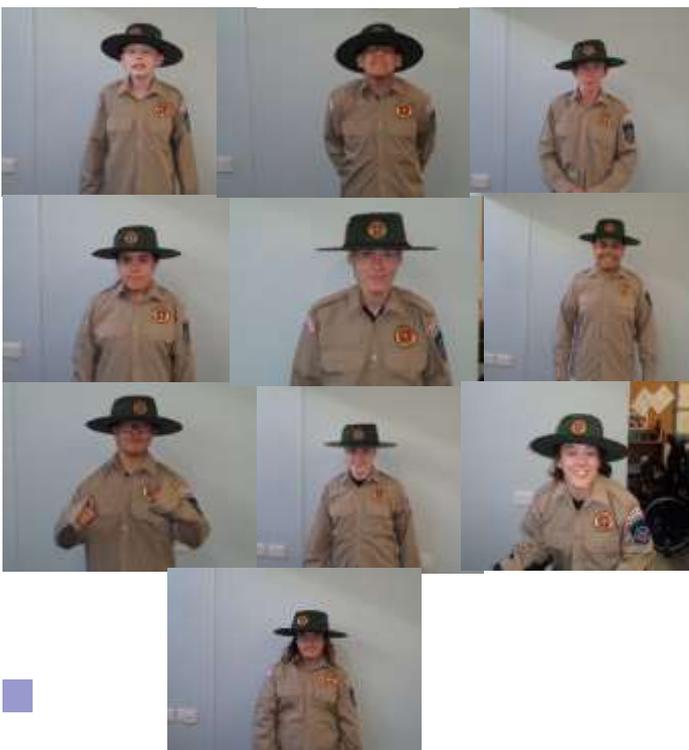
## Year 10-1

What a great start we have had to 2017 in the Year 10-1 classroom. The students have all transitioned well to the new timetable and are enjoying the new courses offered.

On Wednesday mornings the students are partaking in a Certificate I course in Agrifoods. After the long summer holidays the garden was very overgrown and needed a lot of work to get it ready for planting new items. The students were given a tour of the garden, garden sheds, greenhouse and shown where to empty the bins after cleaning up the garden.



We have also commenced the DFES (Department of Fire and Emergency) program that will be completed throughout the final years of school and the students have all become Cadets and been photographed in the DFES Uniform.



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February the class had their first Community Access day, enjoying a tour of Joondalup Library and completing some tasks at Lakeside Joondalup. The students are to be commended for their participation in these activities and their fabulous behaviour when out in the community. We will have many more days out like this over the year and I look forward to seeing the increased confidence, maturity and independence in the students.



I would like to welcome the Education Assistants, Nicola Kramme, Kathy Skehan, Linda Ray, Yvette Stevens, Carol Williams (Thursdays only), Chris van den Broeke (Thursdays only) Simon Malloy (DFES), Alison Mitchell (DFES), Jan Bowler (DFES) and Carrie Donovan (DFES) to the 10-1 Class. These staff are highly committed to the success of the students and are an invaluable support in and out of the classroom.

I am looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year.



**Mrs Aileen Finn**  
**Year 10-1 Teacher**

## Year 10-2

Hello and welcome to everyone from Year 10-2! My name is Mr Cann and I will be the teacher of Year 10-2 class for this year. We have some fantastic things lined up for this term so without further ado, I shall enlighten you on the exciting times we have ahead.

This year the students will be participating in a number of new and stimulating courses. These courses include Department of Fire Emergency Service (D.F.E.S) where the students will become a cadet to represent Volunteer Fire Services across W.A. The students will learn about the environment, safety at home and at school. The students will expand their knowledge of camping skills, develop their navigation techniques and learn orienteering skills that can be used anywhere in the world.

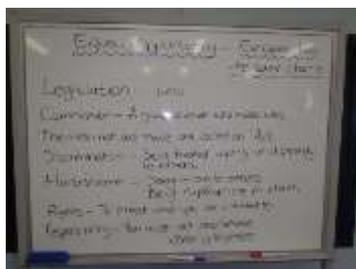
The students are also involved in an 'Agrifood' course run by the team at the West Coast Institute of Training. This course will include students learning about the sustainability of the environment, gardening and landscaping as well as developing the schools garden by planting flowers and growing vegetables.

The third course that the students are enrolled in is 'Community Access'. We as a class will be going on excursions on Thursday's to a variety of educational locations. These experiences will provide the students with the opportunity to gain access to life outside the school grounds which in turn will enrich their confidence when out in the wider community. The students will learn travel training skills, navigating to desired locations and experience some of the things Perth has to offer.

Aside from the extra-curricular activities, the students will be participating in set curriculum subjects. We will be working through curriculum courses in English, Maths, Health and Physical Education. We will be working on a number of objectives in each subject area throughout the year which will overarch into other learning areas such as Community Access and D.F.E.S.

Social Studies and Cooking/Independent Living skills will also be woven into the student's timetable.

So as you can see it has been a very busy start to the year for the students of Year 10-2 which looks to continue for the entire term.



**Mr Tom Cann**  
**Year 10-2 Teacher**

## Chaplains Chat



Hi Everyone

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bev Fruin. I have spent many years as an Early Childhood Educator and I became a chaplain 5 years ago and have worked in this area ever since. Moving into High School was a challenge after, many years in primary school.

But I have been having a wonderful time at Belridge Secondary Education Support Centre. Everyone is so welcoming and the children are delightful. I am impressed with the many opportunities and activities on offer for the children. It is a wonderful nurturing environment.

I am available on Wednesday and Thursday to assist with any problem that might require a sympathetic ear or help in any way. Please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

The year has started with such a great feeling, thank goodness the weather hasn't been too hot for all the students and staff.

Valentine's day just happened to be one of my extra days at school this term so I planned a heart shape biscuit decorating activity with the thought that the students would take a biscuit home to share with you, but alas I'm afraid most were eaten at school. I guess that was to be expected as they looked so delicious.

Looking forward to meeting you all.



**Bev Fruin**  
**School Chaplain**



## Year 11-1

The Year 11-1 students this year are Chloe, Ella, Madi, Beth, Ben, Josh, Leticia, and Jacob. They can be seen here in their ASDAN Food Preparation class in their T3 classroom and the Independent Living Centre. Mrs Kennedy will be using basic recipes as the students practise kitchen skills and general safety techniques in the meal preparation process. In addition they will be completing their Personal Safety ASDAN course in DFES Cadets which also involves safety and basic outdoor cooking.



Most of the students have started their Work Place Learning placements at Workpower, Joondalup Post Office Despatch, Coles or Woolworths travelling on public transport to their worksites. Their ASDAN courses, Workright and Work Awareness, compliment their learning journeys in the community.

Students have settled into a busy and challenging timetable over the last few weeks. They are following a daily routine that asks themselves: Is My Behaviour – Safe - Respectful - Responsible?

It has been my pleasure to meet with most of my students' parents for our planning meetings. Please keep the Parent Night on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> of March free to meet with other parents informally and visit your students' classroom as well.

Thanks to all parents who have returned all the paperwork that needs your signatures this time of the year. With your support the students are able to experience a variety of excursions and learning opportunities.

Any queries please contact me on [sandy.riley@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:sandy.riley@education.wa.edu.au) or contact the school by telephone and I will be in touch with you.

**Mrs Sandy Riley**  
**Year 11-1 Teacher**



## Year 11-2

I feel very privileged to be teaching Year 11 again this year and warmly welcome this group of students into our class. I look forward to working with each of them and their families as we embark on our journey ahead. Our classroom team consists of Mrs Franklin, Mrs V, Mrs Galupo, Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Smith, Mrs Bowler and Mrs Clarke. Mrs Kennedy will be taking students for Meal Prep, Mrs Carlyon for an English lesson and Mr Malloy and Mrs Donovan for DFES. IEP meetings have commenced and I have enjoyed meeting with families and discussing individual goals and ambitions. The students from 11.2 have also set their own goals which have been laminated onto their desks. Raffles tickets are being awarded for their progress in these. Each fortnight these raffle tickets will be drawn 'out of a hat' and students will have the chance to win canteen vouchers and other prizes to reward their development.

The Year 11 timetable is busy with three ASDAN Courses (Citizenship, Meal Prep and the Health Short Course), Preliminary Maths and English, a Certificate I in Transport and Logistics, DFES, Community Access and Physical Education. We have certainly 'hit the ground running' in all subject areas and students have embraced the pace, working hard to complete all tasks that they have been given.

In each newsletter I will highlight different subject areas and some learning activities students will be participating in. A highly anticipated activity for the week is Community Access. During term one, half the class are visiting Mercy Aged Care in Joondalup, while the other half, searching for sale items to purchase for a Mother's Day stall we plan on offering to the lower school. These groups will alternate so that students experience both learning activities. Experiences have been positive whilst social skills and money skills are being developed, win-win!

Congratulations to Courtney and Nick who have commenced their studies in Certificate II Construction. They will be attending Trades North each Thursday and we wish them the best of luck.



**Mrs Kelsey Collins**  
Year 11-2 Teacher

## Year 12-1

Welcome to year 12-1 students and families. I'm sure, you like me, are fully anticipating an amazing year of academic growth, maturity and fun adventures.

To date, I have been impressed by the year 12-1's dedication to learning and outstanding work ethic during workplace learning.

This year we are focusing on developing our money skills through the ASDAN Money program. Lots of exposure to working with money at home will help consolidate the classroom theory.

We are learning about the process of farming, harvesting, selling and preparing whole foods through the 'From Paddock to Plate' program. Furthermore, this learning is incorporated into our cafe sessions - during this time we will also be completing ASDAN Meal Preparation: Progression. The students have fully embraced the opportunity to prepare fresh foods, make barista coffee and serve our customers.

This term we have been learning about the process of growing, harvesting and preparing vegetables. The students have been developing concepts around fresh and processed, organic and chemically treated and a variety of vegetable cooking methods. We are looking forward to visiting Perth City Farm to explore a working vegetable farm and cafe. I'm sure the students will be excited to return with their families on a Saturday morning to buy some fresh produce at the Farmers Market.

We have a big event quickly approaching this term - **THE BALL!** Remember to get your permission forms back and tickets purchased. This will be a night to be remembered for years to come.

I'm looking forward to working with the students and their families this year and I am hopeful that much learning and joy will be experienced by all.



**Mrs Carmen Lopez**  
Year 12-1 Teacher



## Year 12-2

Welcome 12-2 Families and Students to the final year of secondary school!

The first five weeks of Term one have been very busy for 12-2 students and they have already successfully completed units within both their ASDAN Money Course and their Certificate II Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

This year 12-2 students are enrolled in the following courses:

- Certificate II Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways (including Cobra Café)
- ASDAN Money: Progression
- ASDAN PSHE Short Course (Health and Wellbeing)
- ADWPL (Workplace Learning)
- DFES Module 1

On Friday Week 1, Year 12 students were treated to a day of water-skiing on the Swan River due to missing out last year. The weather was perfect and all staff and students had a great time on the boat and in the donut.

Congratulations to Robert and Kevin for being accepted into the Certificate II Construction at Trades North. Robert and Kevin along with Mrs Mellows and two year 11 students will attend the course every Thursday. This term they are getting a 'taster' in tiling, carpentry, bricklaying and plastering before choosing one as a speciality.

The class is working on their Employability Skills and have chosen some goals to work towards throughout the term. These include greeting 'co-workers' in the morning and afternoon, arriving on time, focusing on the task. These goals have been included in the Senior School rewards with students having the chance to win canteen vouchers for their efforts.



**Mrs Lauren Spedding**  
**Year 12-2 Teacher**



## Workplace Learning

Welcome to another busy year in the Senior School VET programs. We now have our Year 11 and 12 students attending workplaces on Tuesdays and Fridays with local employers. Our Year 11 students are out on Wednesdays and everyone has made a great start. I am impressed with the punctuality of students and the correct dress standards to attend work. All students are being monitored by our Education Support Staff and are keeping self reflection log books and learning about the work skills which employers are advocating for young workers.

It is really important that if students are away for any reason that parents let us know by 8.00am so that other students are not late waiting for them and the employer knows. If students are not on a school bus we really appreciate parents getting their child to school by 8.30 unless they are making separate travel arrangements.

Our Year 11 classes are all participating in the Preliminary Course of Study Math and English units. These courses are being adapted for our students' abilities and will give them personal challenges over the year in these learning areas.

Our NMETRO TAFE trainer Iain Brunton, has returned to deliver our Cert 1 Agrifoods course with our Year 10 classes this year, so welcome back Iain. The students have already made a great impact on tidying up the Patch and preparing it ready for new plants.

Mrs Collins has been busy with her Year 11 students in their Cert 1 Transport & Logistics. They look very professional in their HV vests coming around to classrooms to empty the paper recycling bins. Great job everyone!

Mrs Spedding has also been setting a hectic pace with the Year 12 students in their Cert 2 Skills and Vocational Pathways course. The students have already completed two of the units successfully.

Mrs Lopez has had her team in the Cobra Café creating some delicious meals on our café days. We are very impressed with the barista skills emerging from our students who are mastering our coffee machine so well. We look forward to having our students showcasing more kitchen skills as the term progresses.

Our Year 10-12 classes are also full steam ahead with their ASDAN courses and it's a great start to the year. We are consolidating the new courses we started last year and expect to have very successful outcomes for our students again over the semester.



**Mrs Jenny Winston**  
**WPL/VET Program Coordinator**