

Burwood Girls High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of your child's experience and appreciation for their Pacific Island community, Burwood Girls High School has organised workshops in partnership with Fusion Australia.

Fusion Australia is funded by the NSW Government under the *Targeted Earlier Intervention Program* and is committed to providing services that improve wellbeing for young people, their families and the community.

Your child has been working towards creating a community of leaders by exploring positive personal practice within the school among their fellow Pacific Island peers. This workshop will enable them to experience and engage in a program designed to be culturally relevant for Pacific Islander Youth.

Polynesian program – Term 1

This program involves weekly sessions throughout the term, in which Polynesian students come together to celebrate their culture. Facilitators utilise creative exercises, artistic expression and discussion components, enabling students to explore their identity in contemporary Australian society.

This program provides a safe space for students to:

- Explore their cultural identity
- Explore what it means to exist in contemporary society
- Learn emotional regulation and wellbeing skills
- Discuss what healthy relationships look like
- Build positive connections with other Pacific Islander students

The program may include snacks and an excursion at the end of Term 1.

Incursion details:

Date: Every Friday lunch from 25/2/2022

Duration: Weekly lunch- may involve the occasional part of period 3 into lunch

Food: Some snacks will be provided

Cost: Free

Where: BGHS (room to be advised)

Dress: Full school uniform

It will be your child's responsibility to catch up on any missed class work.

NOTE: Please notify your permission including any relevant additional information via Electronic Return through the Sentral Parent Portal or return the permission slip below to **Ms Kalogeropoulos, HT Wellbeing**.

I am confident that your child will reap the benefits of this experience. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at Burwood GHS on 9747 3355.

Ms Voulla Kalogeropoulos
Head Teacher Wellbeing

Liz Latham
Student Support Officer

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I give permission for _____ of Year ____ to participate in the free Fusion Australia Polynesian Program – Term 1 at Burwood GHS every Friday lunchtime (very occasionally 30 mins. of period 3). I understand it is my child's responsibility to catch up on any missed class work.

Signed (parent/carer): _____ Date: _____

Please list any medical issues or food allergies we need to be aware of in relation to this incursion:
