

Dates subject to change. See calendar on Sentral Portal for updates.

### TERM 2

- JUN** • P&C Zoom Meeting, 7pm  
17  
24 • Yr.11 Reports uploaded to portal
- JUL** • Year 7,8,9,10 Semester 1  
1 Reports uploaded to portal  
3 • Last day of term – no payments accepted on the last day of term

### TERM 3

- JUL** • School Development Day  
20 (staff only)  
21 • First day of term for students.  
23 • Yrs.10,11,12 PTS evening TBA  
28 • Yr.12 HSC Drama, 6pm,  
Movement Studio TBA  
29 • Yr.10 Vaccinations (Men ACWY)  
30 • Australian Maths Competition  
• Yrs.7,8,9 PTS evening TBA
- AUG** • *Education Week, 3-7 August*  
5 • Yrs.10, 12 Recognition Assemblies  
6 • Yrs.7, 8, 9 Recognition Assemblies  
7 • Yr.11 STARR day including Recognition assembly  
• Yr.11 Parent Evening TBA  
10-21 • Yr.12 Trial Examination period  
16-21 • Yr.11 Jindabyne Camp TBA  
17 • Event #4 available  
19 • P&C Meeting, 7pm  
26 • BEP's Big Night Out concert  
27 • Yr.12 HSC Music Recital TBA  
28 • Wear It Purple Day  
• Premier's Reading Challenge closes at midnight
- SEP** • Dance Showcase matinee and 2 evening performances TBA  
3 • Yr.11 'Be Streetsmart' TBA  
7-16 • Yr.11 Examination period

### NEXT P&C MEETING

17 June – Zoom meeting, 7pm  
(see inside for further information)

# Burwood Girls High School EVENT

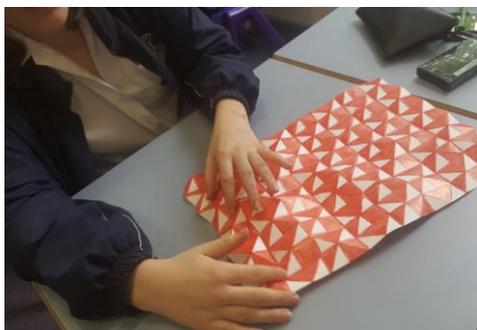


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## From the Principal

Congratulations to the students and staff of Burwood GHS for their resilience and flexibility during the coronavirus times. We were able to continue learning online – some more successfully than others. Teachers were able to use Google Classroom, Zoom and Microsoft Teams to connect with students.

### *Burwood GHS students return to school*



There has been some useful feedback from students, some new practices from teachers (assessment and reporting) and a new appreciation for the role of technology, teamwork and collaboration. I would certainly like to thank the Deputy Principals, Karyn O'Brien and Kathy Lye, as well as Fiona Diakos and Julia Alvarado in supporting eLearning initiatives we needed for managing our brave, new Covid-19 world.

Despite initiatives in online communication, it is evident that students were thrilled to return to school. The percentages for attendance for the last two weeks speak for themselves:

Year	Mon 1 June	Tue 2 June	Wed 3 June	Thu 4 June	Fri 5 June	Weekly average
7	94	92	95	95	90	93.2
8	95	95	95	93	92	94.0
9	95	95	94	96	93	94.6
10	92	96	95	97	97	95.4
11	88	92	90	91	90	90.2
12	89	90	93	98	92	92.4
Average	92%	93%	94%	95%	92%	93.1%



Even though sport has been on hold for Years 8 to 11, learning in classrooms continues, new students have enrolled, new staff joined our team, school photos were distributed and the 2019 Annual Report was completed and placed on our website.

Year 11 (along with Year 12), have permission to finish school at lunch on Tuesdays until we resume sport when all sport venues are open.

Last week the Burwood Ensemble Program recommenced and students thrilled to play together again. The Musettes and Burwood GHS Choir also started back and we look forward to dance and music tutors returning in Term 3.



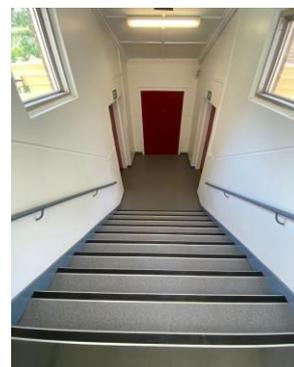
One of the positive outcomes for our school during the COVID-19 period was the opportunity for refurbishments to be completed. Much has been achieved in the last two months.



*Painting classrooms*



*Painting corridors*



*Painting stairwell*



*TAS kitchen upgrade*



*New Hall lights*



*Canteen toilets refurbished*



*New Drama demountable outside*



*and inside.*



*Students using the new drama room*

Currently, our car park along Queen Street is having new asphalt, drainage systems improved in the playground, new lines on basketball courts and soon, new front doors to match the glass doors at the administration block.

The biggest news, however, is that the performance/STEM building (right) has finally gone to tender (after years of planning).

This is indeed great news!



*Planned performance/STEM building*

Special thanks to our prefects for their wonderful support in making videos for our students to support hygiene and safety measures during COVID-19. The prefect body has been magnificent.



*Ms O'Brien, Deputy Principal Senior School and some of our fabulous prefects*



Looking forward to further developments in the school (sport, excursions, assemblies, events, tutorials and so on) from Term 3.

**Mia Kumar**

## **Report from Karyn O'Brien, Deputy Principal Senior School**

### **Getting things back to normal**

As we quickly move toward the end of Semester 1, there are a few matters I would like to clarify.

Firstly, all students and parents will have previously received the **relevant 2020 Assessment Policy and Procedures**, which can also be accessed on the school's [website](#). There have been some necessary adjustments due to the disruption of COVID-19 and online learning, but teachers have amended their programming and reporting outcomes accordingly.

Secondly, the format of **Semester 1 Reports** and **Parent/Teacher/Student (PTS) evening** arrangements have been changed due to the impact of COVID-19. Whilst our Year 11 Semester 1 Reports will be the same as usual, there may not be as much detail as in 'normal' circumstances. A simplified Semester 1 report is currently being completed for students in Years 7 to 10.

**These reports will be available on the Sentral Portal on the following dates:**

- Year 11 – Wednesday 24 June (Week 9, Term 2)
- Years 7-10 – Wednesday 1 July (Week 10, Term 2)

We have scheduled senior and middle school PTS evenings and will extend our usual hours to accommodate as many interviews as possible.

**Parent/Teacher/Student evenings will be on the following dates:**

- Years 10, 11, 12 – Thursday 23 July 2020 (Week 1, Term 3)
- Years 7, 8, 9 – Thursday 30 July (Week 2, Term 3)

Finally, as we move into Semester 2 we hope that many of our school events and activities can return to normal. At this stage, assemblies, excursions, incursions and many co-curricular activities remain 'on-hold' but as soon as we have a green light we will return the school calendar back to normal.

Please don't hesitate to contact either Kathy Lye (Years 7-9) or myself (Years 10-12) if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Report from Kathy Lye, Deputy Principal Middle School

### Staff Changes

The following staff changes occurred this term.

#### HSIE

- Andrew Stewart-Thomson is the relieving Head Teacher HSIE for the remainder of 2020. Monika Di Maio accepted a new head teacher position at Hastings Secondary College, Port Macquarie.



*Farewell to Monika Di Maio, Head Teacher HSIE*



*Kevin Short with relieving Head Teacher, Andrew Stewart-Thomson*

- Julie Nugent, replaced by Richard Wu, and Chris Maiorana, replaced by Kevin Short, are on leave this term.
- Andrew Kingsford-Smith has moved from EALD support to the HSIE faculty.
- Jack Butler and Mel Tsibushkina are now teaching fulltime in the HSIE faculty.

## PDHPE

- Melissa Caltabiano has commenced maternity leave and Olga Dalageorgos is relieving Head Teacher PDHPE.
- Rangi Tairi replaces Millie Marsh who needed to return to the UK during the COVID lockdown.
- Emily Osborne has replaced Melissa Caltabiano.



Welcome to Rangi Tairi ... and Emily Osborne, with HT, Olga Dalageorgos, relieving for Melissa Caltabiano

## English/EALD

- Jenny Tran (right) has increased her teaching days to include EALD support and HSIE lessons.



## Uniform



Winter has arrived. Staff have been focussing on the transition back to fulltime face-to-face teaching and not uniform. In the meantime, with the cooler weather, there have been many 'interesting' interpretations of the school uniform to include 'warm' clothing. Now the focus is returning to school uniform and wearing it with pride and belonging. Therefore, we are requesting students to **wear the correct school uniform at all times**. Tracksuits, hoodies, incorrect shoes, large items of jewellery, coloured socks/ stockings/beanies are not part of the uniform. Students can wear plain, white, long sleeve items of clothing under school shirts for extra warmth and thicker stockings or regulation long pants.

The P&C introduced a **new long-line winter jacket** (left) this year, which is now available from Lowes for \$119.95. It is fully lined, hooded and water resistant. The students who have purchased it have reported it is extremely warm and very comfortable. The coat should last throughout many years at school, as it is good quality. Consider buying oversize to allow for growth.

Please follow the school uniform policy and procedures. If students are out of uniform, they need to bring a note and get a uniform pass from the office. Mr Whittemore, Head Teacher

Business Administration, will be in touch with students soon regarding uniform and uniform detention procedures.

## Year 7 placements 2021



The Primary Placement Panel (left) met on 20 May and reviewed all non-local applications for Year 7 2021. This year we received 189 local and 245 non-local applications.

Towards the end of 2019, the department introduced a new enrolment policy and schools were issued with an enrolment cap. The Burwood GHS cap is 1040. Due to this, our Year 7 2021 enrolment buffer is 165 places.

We made definite offers of enrolment to local students (subject to a 100-point residential check); non-local students with siblings (23 students) and non-local students located within 1.5 km from the location of the school (2 students). Offers made were above the enrolment cap, as a small percentage will accept placement at a selective or other school. The panel developed a small waiting list based on non-local enrolment criteria. We are not able to guarantee placements from the waiting list until we know the outcome of selective school testing.

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## Burwood Ensemble Program

The Ensemble Program started again and students are thrilled to have the opportunity to perform in their ensembles. Below are photos of the Senior Concert Band who have taken up 'residence' in the hall on Wednesday afternoons.





*BEP students happy to return to performing together*

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## P&C News

Due to the coronavirus situation, the P&C invites parents and community members to join in a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 17 June at 7pm, in lieu of the normal face-to-face meeting.

**Topic: BGHS P&C Ordinary Meeting (via Zoom)**

**Time: Jun 17, 2020 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82616572810?pwd=b3FWUktNQzhUVElqa3dtbENS3JpQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 1657 2810

Password: P&C

Or Dial by your location:

Ph +61 2 8015 6011 Australia

Meeting ID: 826 1657 2810

Password: 146411

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/k9YjAqRHO>

Everyone is welcome to attend P&C meetings and we warmly invite parents to join our discussions and find out more about programs and initiatives that may benefit your child. Please come and share a cup of coffee and a chat (when face-to-face meetings resume!). We extend a special invitation to Year 7 parents, and we are always happy to see more dads!

***Kathy Totidis, P&C President***

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the school website along with information about the P&C:

<https://burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/parents-and-citizens--p-c--association.html>

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## STOP PRESS

**ALL PARENTS/CARERS:** Please ensure you have completed the *Student Details Collection Form* available at (case sensitive) <https://bit.ly/Details2020>. The link was emailed to all parents in late May for completion by early June. Thank you to parents who have already submitted the form.