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WELCOME BACK

Dear Year 8 families,
Welcome to the 2022 school year, your child's second year in high school at Bellbird Park State Secondary College. Students in year 8 will begin to focus on subjects and skills that interest them. The early adolescent years is where students are finding their own identity on their pathway to adulthood. Responsibility for and ownership of learning is a part of maturing. To begin Year 8 a solid foundation in core academic skills are critical for our students' success into the future. It is important that your student establishes habits and behaviours for learning during the first few weeks of the year to allow them to experience success. We wish your student luck and want to remind you that education is a team effort – the student, the family and the school working together.

JUNIOR SECONDARY TEAM

The Year 8 team 2022 consists

| Name | Position | Responsibilities | Contact Details |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Corinne Roberts | Head of Year 8 | Pastoral care of the cohort of students including safeguarding, wellbeing, behaviour, attendance, uniform. | cxrob7@eq.edu.au |
| Deb Pennington | Guidance Officer | Assist students with personal, social, emotional and well-being support, engagement academic support and career guidance. | dpenn4@eq.edu.au |
| Beth Dodt | Youth Support Coordinator | Attendance and engagement support, transitions to work and further education. | bdodt4@eq.edu.au |
| Phoebe Parish | Head of department (Diversity) | Provide support to students with disabilities. | ppari0@eq.edu.au |

RETURN TO FACE TO FACE LEARNING

- First day face to face learning is Monday 7 February.
- Year 8 students are to arrive at school no later than 8.40am and move to info services to check their roll class allocation and classrooms. Heads of Year will be there to support students in the Year Level Areas.
- Year 8: Information Services
- When the first bell rings, students will move to their roll class classroom with their bags and belongings.
- Welcome back notices, timetables and diaries will be issued by Roll Class/Pathways Teachers in their timetabled classroom.
- Parents and carers should drop-off and pick-up their children at the designated safe drop-off zone at the main entrance to the college. In accordance with the Qld Government Back to School plan - parents and carers should remain in their vehicles to minimise group gatherings and not walk onto the college campus to collect their children or congregate at the main entrance when collecting your child/ren.

WHAT TO BRING

- Students will need to bring their equipment ready to work and learn on day 1 this will include bag, books, pens and hat.
- Students can bring their morning tea and lunch or access our college canteen facilities.
- Facemasks are compulsory and students are required to bring their own to school. Parents/carers please ensure your students have back up masks stored in their bag for hygiene and in the event of breakages.
- Facemasks are compulsory on public transport this will include buses to and from school.
- Please do not send your student to school if they are sick or exhibit symptoms of being sick in line with current COVID guidelines and advice from our Chief Health Officer.

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JUNIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE SPORTS UNIFORM

- All students are required to attend the college on Monday and beyond in a full school uniform.
- The uniform shop is still open for those requiring additional uniform items.
- College sport polo
- College sport shorts
- College socks or plain white ankle socks
- College bucket hat or cap

To purchase uniforms, please click on the following link to view uniform requirements along with our Uniform Shop opening hours.

BPSSC College Dress Code Policy - https://bellbirdparkssc.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/School%20policies/Dress%20Code%20Policy_2022.pdf

BPSSC Uniform Price List & Book a uniform fitting or purchase online - <https://www.wearitto.com.au/schools/bellbird-park-state-secondary-college>

As you are in full swing with preparing your student to return to school, please see below a quick refresher on our uniform policy, including a guide for when purchasing school shoes.



Sports Uniform

SHOES



Black Leather

Lace Up

Heel

Mesh

Not Lace Up

Flat Sole

Coloured Logo

Examples of acceptable shoes

Examples of unacceptable shoes

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JEWELLERY

- Minimal jewellery that is workplace, health and safety compliant is acceptable.

| ALLOWED | NOT ALLOWED |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ One (1) wrist watch ✓ One earring (plain sleepers or studs) per ear (lower ear lobe only) for pierced ears. ✓ Earrings must be silver or gold in colour. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Piercings and facial studs of all kinds are strictly prohibited. These are not to be worn to and from the College, during any events, or when in uniform. ✗ Clear piercing alternatives are not acceptable or permitted. ✗ The covering of piercings with band aids is not permitted. ✗ No other accessories or jewellery are to be worn. |

| Approved Earrings | Earrings Not Allowed |
|--|--|
| <p>Gold or silver sleepers</p>  | <p>Hoops (have clasps)</p>  |
| <p>Gold or silver studs</p>  | <p>Jeweled and coloured studs</p>  |

HAIR & MAKE-UP

All students at the College are to be neat and tidy, well-groomed, and the following must be adhered to, at a minimum:

- Hairstyles must be neat, clean, tidy and well-maintained.
- Long hair (hair that is longer than collar length) is to be tied back.
- Hair must not be coloured or dyed a non-natural colour.
- Hairstyles such as mo-hawks, undercuts, tracks or rat's tails are not permitted.
- Accessories are not permitted, these include, but are not limited to, bandanas, beanies, other brightly coloured or patterned headwear or accessory.
- Eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara and other make up is not permitted.
- Nail polish, nail patterns/art and nail jewellery are not permitted.
- False nails or nail attachments are not permitted.
- Cultural Tattoos, if present, must be covered by the College Uniform.
- Uniform is to be purchased from the BPSSC Uniform Shop.
- Look-alike items are not acceptable.
- The BPSSC bucket hat or cap is the only permitted hat.
- White undershirts/singlets may be worn, but must not be visible.
- BPSSC understands that some cultures and religions have specific dress requirements. Head Scarves worn for religious reason must be navy blue or white- no decorations or tassels.



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DATE CLAIMERS

- 2 February- BPSSC Swimming Carnival: Sadly, due to student and staff safety we have cancelled our 2022 swimming carnival. Information will be provided to parents by the Sports Coordinator about time-based nominations for regional selection.
- College Photos - Monday 14 March –students must wear full college uniform. Parents wishing to order photos can purchase online at www.msp.com.au or by placing cash in the order envelopes provided to students closer to the time. Orders close on photo day, any orders placed after this day will incur a late fee.

ATTENDANCE - HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

| Phone | Website | Email | Student Diary |
|---|--|---|---|
| <p>Call: 07 3819 7266 and leave a message.</p> <p>Call: 07 3819 7222 and speak to student services between 8am & 4pm.</p> | <p>Report student absence via a simple form on our college website.</p> <p>https://bellbirdparkssc.eq.edu.au/our-school/contact-us/student-absences</p> | <p>Send an email to the following email: studentabsences@bellbirdparkssc.eq.edu.au</p> | <p>Complete the absence explanation at the back of this student diary and hand it in to student services.</p> |

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

| ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR A STUDENT'S ABSENCE: | UNREASONABLE REASONS FOR STUDENT ABSENCE: |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural disaster • Suspension • Funeral • Legal obligations • Representative sport • Illness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthdays • Minor appointments e.g. haircuts • Shopping • Visiting family or friends |



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ACCESSING CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Parents are encouraged to contact classroom teachers should you have any questions about curriculum. Parents can find teacher details for their student by looking on the timetable they receive on day 1. Our school email contact list is below: <https://bellbirdparkssc.eq.edu.au/our-school/our-staff>

PATHWAYS TEAM 2022

We would like to introduce our Year 8 Pathways Team for 2022, whom will be in regular contact with you and your child throughout the year, with regards to welfare, attendance and any other necessary communication. Our pathways teachers are a crucial link between you, your student and the college and we look forward to a big 2022 together!

| PATHWAYS GROUP | TEACHER | EMAIL ADDRESS |
|----------------|-------------------|--|
| 8A | Logan Mulheron | lhmul3@eq.edu.au |
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There will be many opportunities for involvement, growth, and learning across 2022 for your student and we are looking forward to working positively alongside you for the best outcomes for your student. If you have particular concerns about your student settling in, please do not hesitate to contact your Head of Year 8, Ms Corinne Roberts for welfare or attendance concerns.

Kind Regards

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