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Welcome back to the 2025 school year. I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all incoming Year 7 students and families to the Beaudesert State High School community.

Our priorities for 2025 are increasing educational achievement for every student, supporting student wellbeing and engagement and building a culture of inclusion. Our teachers and support staff have prepared diligently for the return of the students and the teaching and learning for the year. Our theme across the year for students, staff, parents and the community is promoting 'a culture of learning' here at Beaudesert State High School.

I am extremely proud that we were able to celebrate the successful QCE attainment of every one of our Year 12 students in 2024. It is the first time in the school's history that we have reached our goal of 100% QCE. Congratulations to our 2024 cohort – you did an incredible job. In addition to this, we had a large group of students receiving and accepting university offers before school finished and more students receiving offers of their preferred choices in the subsequent rounds. Our incoming 2025 Year 12 cohort have had the bar set high for them but they are in a great position coming into the year. I look forward to seeing their progress and achievements this year.

Contained in this newsletter are a number of key messages and dates for the upcoming school year that are important for all families.

I look forward to a successful year at you and thank you again for trusting Beaudesert State High School with the education of your children.

Kind regards

Mr. Damien Burke  
Principal

## School Photos 2025

This year we go online with the team from Advanced Life. Do keep a look 👁️ out for the envelope that was sent home this week with your child.

We encourage online payments, however you can provide the correct full payment in the envelope provided if you wish. This must be given to the photographers on the day of the photos. (the school is not taking payments)

### Photo Dates are:

Thursday 6 February - Individual Photos. [Formal Uniforms are encouraged.]

Tuesday 25 February Group Photos including Siblings and any missed individual photos.

Helpful Information - <https://advancedlife.com.au/howtoorder.php>



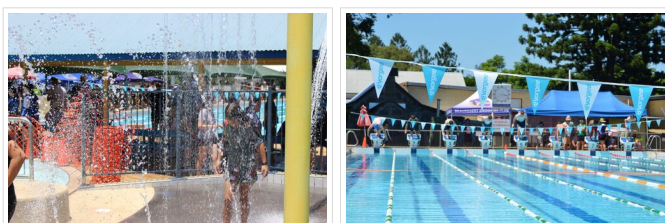
## Reducing Start of the School Year Anxiety

As we welcome back students we acknowledge that there can be some anxiety at the beginning of the year, even if your child has been here for a number of years. This is very normal and as a school we are adept at helping students settle into learning at a pace that suits them. To help reduce the normal anxiety we have a wide range of staff that are on hand each day to help. This includes:

- Get Connected Teachers – your child’s everyday connection at the beginning of each day. Sharing news, ideas and getting everyone settled for a positive learning experience.
- Head of Year Coordinators – each team member leading a year with a focus on support and building that vital link of ‘belonging’.
- Youth Support Coordinator, Social Worker, Guidance Officer, Indigenous team and Chappy – all working to ensure your child feels supported every day.
- Administration staff – welcoming students and providing directions or information so students feel safe and welcomed.

As a school, we also focus on building relationships through extracurricular activities. One of these is our upcoming Swimming Carnival on Friday 7 February.

Remember to follow us on [Facebook](#) for general school updates and information.



And this isn’t just for swimmers – this is for everyone! From dressing up in fun sunsafe costumes to competing in the pool, we encourage all student to attend because we know this helps our students across all year levels to make friends and feel part of the school community. This year’s **Swim Carnival Theme:** Dress as your favourite teacher (fictional or real).

Finally, as parents and carers, you are key partners working alongside us in helping your child settle into learning. We encourage you to talk with us if you have concerns. Simply call the office and we can arrange a discussion with the most appropriate support person for your situation.

## Swimming Carnival Information

Time to keep cool with our annual swimming carnival!

Our swimming carnival is a fabulous opportunity for our whole school to come together for the first time in the school year. This day isn’t just for swimmers – this is for everyone! From dressing up in fun sunsafe costumes to competing in the pool, we encourage all student to attend because we know this helps our students across all year levels to make friends and feel part of the school community.

### Important Information

Date | Time Friday 7th Feb 9am-3pm.

- Permission notes must be returned to your child's Get Connected Teacher by Wednesday 5th Feb.

- Please drop off and pick your student up from the Beaudesert Pools. 54 Brisbane Street Beaudesert.
- Students who travel by Bus will be taken directly to the pools and picked up from there at the end of the school day.
- Theme is “Dress as your favourite teacher” with house colours encouraged.
- Appropriate dress is a MUST including swimwear (no bikinis or cheeky bottoms. Either full pieces or board shorts).
- Canteen and sausage sizzle available on the day however please ensure your child has enough food and water.

This is a regular school day with an expectation that all students attend. If your child will be absent for the day, please follow our absence procedures and contact us to let us know prior to 3pm Thursday 6 February.

## Uniform Reminder

At the end of 2024 and last week, I communicated with the school community that students will need to wear the full formal uniform or the full standard (sports) uniform from the start of the year when wearing the uniform each day. They will not be permitted to wear the school sports shorts with the formal shirt.

In addition, from the start of Term 2, all students will be required to attend school in their full formal uniform on a Monday. It has been a long standing tradition of the school for students to wear the formal uniform when representing the school or at awards ceremonies. As we have a number of our celebration assemblies on a Monday, we felt it was important to have all of our students dressed in their formal uniforms for these occasions and across the school year.

We have ordered a new formal short for male students that we believe will be more comfortable and wearable. Females still have the option to wear the formal skirt, long pant or can also wear the shorts as part of the formal uniform.

Students will need to bring their PE uniform in their bags and change at the beginning and end of the lessons for PE on Monday. The same expectations still apply for school shoes (all white or all black) and white visible socks as they did in previous years.

While we did allow navy tracksuit pants to be worn for the final time in 2024, we ask that families ensure that they have purchased the Beaudesert State High School tracksuit pant or black stockings with the formal uniform.

### Exemptions

Uniform Exemptions only last for the school year and need to be renewed each year. Information from a medical practitioner must be provided and submitted to your child’s year level Deputy Principal now in the event you haven’t already received a 2025 exemption.

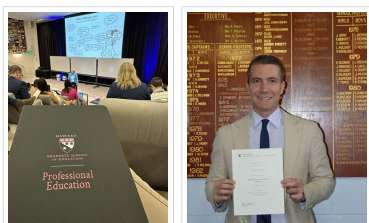
If you have any questions, please reach out to your child’s relevant year level HOD Student Services. Details for

contacting are here <https://beaundesertshs.eq.edu.au/our-school/our-staff>

## Teachers Don't Just Teach – They Learn

Over the summer break many of our staff did courses and studied, investing in their own education.

Principal Damien Burke was amongst them.



Granted one of 16 national scholarships, Mr Burke attended The Principal's Centre run by the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Sydney – a leadership program designed to cultivate and strengthen school principals' management and leadership skills. The course focussed on improving school culture, leadership theory, trauma-informed practice, effective teaching practices and school and community partnerships. Mr Burke looks forward to putting this learning into action across the coming years as we work to have engaged, inspired students achieving their personal best.

## Introducing Flexischools For Food

Parents and students, you can now pre-order lunches from the canteen with Flexischools!!!

Run by the school P&C, our canteen offers a range of healthy meals, snacks and drinks for each breaktime, helping families bypass the morning rush of making lunches!



Download the Flexi School App on Android or Apple and register for Beaudesert State High School. <https://flexischools.com.au/> REMINDER: Remember to validate your email when the registration link is sent to you.

Once you have logged on, under STUDENT DETAILS enter your child's details. Their name, year level and class if you know it. Include payment details and you are ready to begin ordering!

All available food for the day you are ordering for will display. Once you have chosen the food and drink items and date you can review the order. Once you are happy simply place the order in the checkout. This is then sent to our fabulous canteen staff who will have everything ready for your child at the break time you have chosen.

The deadline for orders is 9am each day. Students simply go to the canteen ONLINE ORDERING ENTRANCE to receive their order at the chosen break time.

*[Note, students can still purchase instore breakfast from 8am and at break times]*

**"YES to no more stinky lunchboxes with beautifully packed lunches coming home being wasted! No more scrambling at the last minute to pack lunch. A simple, easy way to ensure your child eats well!"**

## House Cup – Cunningham | Fraser | Kennedy | Leichhardt – who will be this years winner?

A hotly contested part of our school life, is Beaudesert State Highs own HOUSE CUP! Each house competes across the year for bragging rights in a range of areas far beyond just sport! In fact there are five pillars that students earn valuable points in.

1. Attendance
2. Achievement
3. School Spirit
4. Participation
5. Carnivals

Throughout the year we hold events, activities across the school giving every student the opportunity to participate and join in the fun. Celebrated at the end of the year at our Awards Night, students and staff celebrate the leadership table all vying to be at the top in October!

Our four school houses are Cunningham, Fraser, Kennedy and Leichhardt. Students are assigned to a house based on the first letter of their surname.

Cunningham A - D

Fraser E - K

Kennedy L - Q

Leichhardt R - Z

