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Term II Week 5

Honouring Personal Bests and Setting the Standard for Success

Our theme for Term 2 was to continue to build on our Culture of Learning at Beaudesert State High School. My assembly messaging to students has involved checkpoint the phases of the term and outlining what each phase should look like for engaged, inspired learners.

Our Personal Best Assemblies were a fantastic opportunity to celebrate those students who excelled in Term 1 and epitomised what I was talking about when engaging in a Culture of Learning.

As we progress into the school year and become more comfortable with routines, it is important to remind ourselves of the standards that we set for safety and ourselves as we head towards the middle of the year. There are a couple of prompts for students and families throughout this newsletter that I ask you to be aware of.

Together we will ensure that 2025 continues to be a successful year at Beaudesert State High School.

Kind regards
 Damien Burke
 Principal

Winter is coming

As we move into the cooler months, we would like to remind families of Beaudesert State High School's **Winter Uniform Requirements**. Please refer to the image below, which outlines the approved winter uniform items for all students:

Winter Uniform Requirements		
Tracksuit Jacket	Tracksuit Pants	Jumper
		
Beaudesert State High School students may also choose to wear the following optional items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beanies (navy only) ▪ Gloves (navy only) ▪ Scarves (navy only) ▪ Stockings may be worn with the 'Formal' uniform (black or natural colours) 		

Students are permitted to wear the following school-branded winter uniform items:

- BSHS Tracksuit Jacket
- BSHS Tracksuit Pants
- BSHS Jumper Pullover

In addition to the core uniform, students may also wear:

- Beanies (navy only)
- Gloves (navy only)
- Scarves (navy only)
- Stockings (black or natural colours) may be worn with the formal uniform.

Please note that all jumpers, pullovers and tracksuit pants **must be official BSHS-branded items**. Non-uniform or unbranded items are not permitted.

Students who arrive at school in incorrect or non-compliant winter uniform items will be directed to **Student Services** to change into the correct uniform for the day.

Wearing the correct uniform is an important part of maintaining high expectations and school pride. It helps build a sense of belonging, equality, and unity across the school community. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring students are dressed appropriately and in accordance with our school's uniform policy.

If you have any questions or require assistance with uniform items, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Help Us Keep Everyone Safe!

The safety of our students, staff, and families is our top priority, and we need your help to keep our school community safe.

Recently, we've had a few concerning near misses in our car park and Stop, Drop & Go zones. These areas are particularly busy during morning drop-off (7:00am–9:00am) and afternoon pick-up (2:00pm–4:00pm), with students crossing, cars manoeuvring, and staff on duty.

We kindly ask all drivers to:

- ? Reduce your speed – even if you're in a rush
- ? Be patient – delays are temporary, but safety is essential
- ? Avoid distractions – follow the law, put your phone away while driving

Our school is a hive of activity during these times, and every extra second of caution could prevent an accident. Let's work together to make sure every student arrives and leaves safely.

Thank you for doing your part to protect our school community.

Showing Up, Trying Hard, and Striving for Excellence Recognised

At Beaudesert State High School, we believe success isn't always measured by trophies or headlines, it's often found in the quiet persistence of students who show up every day, give it their all, and keep pushing forward, no matter the obstacles. Our Personal Best Awards exist to shine a spotlight on those students who do just that.

These awards recognise the remarkable efforts of students across three key areas: Attendance, Effort & Behaviour, and Academic Excellence.

Attendance Award recipients are those who have attended 95% or more of school days. They are the definition of perseverance, showing up rain, hail or shine. This is no small feat, especially when life throws curveballs. These students demonstrate grit, resilience, and a powerful commitment to their learning journey.

Effort & Behaviour Awards go to students who consistently display a strong work ethic and positive conduct across all their subjects. Whether they're tackling a tough topic or lending a hand to a classmate, they're doing it with integrity, enthusiasm, and determination. Even when challenges arise, these students rise to meet them head-on.

Academic Excellence is awarded to those students achieving the highest academic standards, either straight A's or A's in all but one subject. These students are often the first to ask thoughtful questions, the last to give up, and the ones who quietly go above and beyond, both in the classroom and at home, to reach their goals.



Celebrated in Term II and Term III, these awards set the stage for our prestigious Annual Awards in Term IV. They are a proud reminder that growth, effort, and excellence come in many forms, and all are worth celebrating.

To every student who continues to strive for their personal best: we see you, we're proud of you, and we're cheering you on.

Forging Strength, Spirit and Grit with Kokoda

This term, a remarkable group of Beaudesert State High School students have been stepping up – and stepping out – as part of the *Kokoda: On the Right Track* program. More than just a fitness challenge, this powerful initiative is all about building resilience, leadership, teamwork, and mental strength in young people willing to push their limits.



Inspired by the spirit of the Kokoda Trail, students take part in weekly physical training sessions, often in the form of challenging hikes, alongside team-building tasks and reflective discussions. It's not just about endurance – it's about learning who you are when the going gets tough.

Through the program, students explore the history of the Kokoda Campaign and draw strength from the determination of those who came before them. It's a journey that connects the past to the present – and builds the foundations for their future.

All of this is in preparation for the ultimate challenge: the 48km *Kokoda Challenge* on the 19th and 20th of July – a 24-hour test of stamina, grit, and teamwork. This milestone isn't just about distance covered – it's a celebration of growth, perseverance, and the unshakable bonds formed along the way.

We're incredibly proud of the courage and commitment shown by these students. They are showing us what leadership looks like – one step at a time.

Stay tuned as our Kokoda crew continues their journey, proving every week that they are definitely on the right track!

Math That Matters

At Beaudesert State High School, Mathematics is no longer confined to textbook formulas and abstract problems. Our

Maths teachers are reshaping how students engage with numbers – turning them into powerful tools that help make sense of the world. Gone are the days of asking, “When will I ever use this?” – because now, our students know exactly when and how.

In our classrooms, maths comes alive. Students are working with real data sets, designing graphs, and performing meaningful summary calculations. Whether it's analysing sports statistics, interpreting trends in media, or understanding how data drives everyday decisions, our learners are experiencing firsthand how maths is relevant, practical, and empowering. It's not just about finding the answer – it's about understanding the story behind the numbers.



Our approach goes beyond content. Through active learning strategies, peer collaboration, and the development of independent thinking skills, we're creating confident problem-solvers and future-ready learners. Our teachers are cultivating a mindset where challenges are opportunities and curiosity is encouraged. Because when students connect to the *why*, the *how* becomes not just easier – but exciting.

We're proud of the way our students are embracing Mathematics with fresh eyes and open minds – and we look forward to seeing where these skills will take them next.

Welcome to a new 2025 School Partner - Crete to Coast Concreting!



We are incredibly proud to announce a new partnership with one of our very own! Jesse Bryer, a former student of Beaudesert State High School, recently returned to campus – not just to reminisce, but to give back.

Since his school days (when he and his mates were more focused on tossing oranges than pouring concrete!), Jesse has built a successful business from the ground up. Today, he leads *Crete to Coast Concreting* – a growing team servicing the Gold Coast, Scenic Rim, and Logan regions with a reputation for quality workmanship and friendly, down-to-earth service.



It's always special when a former student returns with a desire to support the next generation – and we are thrilled to welcome Jesse and his business as an official school sponsor. We look forward to a fantastic partnership with *Crete to Coast Concreting* and thank Jesse for investing in the future of Beaudesert State High.

Once a Beaudesert SHS student – always part of our community.

Thank you to the ongoing support of our school partners



Remember if you want to get involved and support your high school – contact Donna Kirk dkirk90@eq.edu.au . There are a range of opportunities for a partnership that delivers results for business and the school!