



# BASS BUZZ

*2024 , Term 3*

Bass High School

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# PRINCIPAL'S *message*

**"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure."**

Term 3 represents the final teaching and learning term for Year 12 and the last learning term for Year 11 to complete their preliminary HSC studies. The above quote highlights the key ingredient of success namely hard work. I would like to acknowledge the role of parents and caregivers who play a lead role in encouraging our senior and junior students to breakthrough the learning challenges and many distractions that steer them from their goals. Our teachers have been working hard preparing our students for their exams and assessment tasks.

We began the term celebrating education week with the theme 'Proud to belong'. This message is a strong reminder to us all of the importance of public education

where students are accepted at their point of entry into one of the largest education systems in the world. A group of our Pacific Islander students performed the Sasa a Samoan dance at Villawood East Public School's education week celebrations.

Bass High School received a Secretary's Award for an Outstanding School Initiative. The initiative was the Equity Consortium project that involved university partnerships with UTS and UNSW. The university partnership was formed with our English faculty who administered and delivered the co-developed programs. Ms Diasinos from our English faculty achieved a Minister's Award for Teacher Excellence. It is pleasing to see how the efforts of our school and staff are being acknowledged at the state level.

Our Senior Rugby League Teams performed well this term with the Boys reaching the final 6 teams of the School Boys Cup and the Open Girls reaching the semi finals of the NRL Schoolgirl Cup and finishing within the final four teams across Australia. Both teams had players selected in the NSW CHS Teams with Simione Laiafi being selected in the Australian Open Boys Rugby League Team and Trinity Tauanei and Seriah Palepale being selected in the Australian Open Girls Rugby League Team.





I have had meetings with department officers around the new basketball courts with covered roof and the new proposed girls toilet and shower block. Plans are being finalised for these two projects that will lead to them being put out to tender. It is likely that both projects will be finalised and constructed by the end of 2025. Ms Hudson our Girls Adviser has formed a Girls Advisory Group to provide input on the design and plans for the new Girls Toilet Block.

Staffing is looking positive for 2025 with teachers accepting permanent appointments to work at Bass High School in the faculties that include Science, English, HSIE and TAS. We are still looking for staff for the Support Unit, HSIE and Technology. We are looking forward to welcome our new Head Teacher HSIE to Bass High School on the first day of Term 4. Ms Bi has worked at Bass High previously in the Maths Faculty and she was the Year 7 Adviser to the current Year 11 cohort. Ms Bi brings strong leadership and administration skills to Bass High School and will become a valued member of the school's executive team.

I have been impressed with the leadership demonstrated by our Bass High School students. A small group of our Year 10 students met with me to gain my support for them to have a school camp that would benefit interested Year 10 students. The camp last week was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by the students and staff that attended. The students that met with me led fundraising activities that reduced the camp cost of each attending student.

Term 3 has been a busy and productive one and Year 11 will start their Year 12 studies next term. The 2025 Year 11 subject selection information evening was well attended by both students and their parents. I would like to thank our parents and families for their ongoing support of Bass High School.

Martin Toaetolu

**Principal Bass High School**



# DEPUTYS'

## *message*



Term 3 has been a busy term full of celebration of student and staff success. The Public Education Awards were a spectacular event in which staff From Bass High School received two awards. We are incredibly proud of our English faculty for the recognition of their hard work.

Ms Sheringham has led Year 12 students as they have been sitting their Trial HSC Exams over Weeks 3 and 4 of this term. Congratulations to all of our students for working so hard to build their futures. We are inspired by their dedication. They have set a wonderful example for the Year 11 students who will complete their Yearly Exams starting in Week 8 of this term.



The Senior Executive have enjoyed visiting classes this term, to check in with teachers about student use of mobile phones in class. Ms Peake was lucky enough to be invited into one of the Year 10 Taster Lessons for Legal Studies, taught by Mr Barbour and learned a lot about the legislation around mobile phone use while driving. It was very enjoyable watching the students explore this issue through role playing the different roles of defendant and legal representation in the classroom.





In Week 4, Mr Dimech hosted many of our students and families for the Year 10 Subject Selection Evening in the Bass High School Library. We extend our gratitude to all of the members of our community that attended this event, helping to pave a clear pathway to success for their students.

Year 10 students have also been working diligently towards their fundraising goals as the Year 10 Camp gets closer. The Deputy Principals thoroughly enjoyed the Staff Morning Tea hosted in Week 4. Ms Azari, Year 10 Advisor led the students to host a fantastic event.

Ms S Peake  
Ms J Sheringham  
Mr T Dimech  
**Deputy Principals**



# *message from* OUR 2024 LEADERS

After two long and challenging weeks of trial exams, our school community came together for one final fundraiser to support our upcoming formal. This event held a special significance, as it also allowed us to celebrate Father's Day in style. The festivities were filled with good food, laughter, and camaraderie. We fired up the grill for a classic sausage sizzle, complemented by an array of mouth-watering homemade cupcakes, generously baked by one of our wonderful parents. To top it all off, we also had a bubble tea stall—run by none other than yours truly, Tricelle—which was a massive hit with both students and staff.

This fundraiser's success was a testament to our strong school spirit and a reminder of the importance of cherishing the time we have left together. With graduation right around the corner, these shared moments of joy and teamwork will become lasting memories.

As we near the end of our high school journey, it is important to take a moment to reflect on how far we have come, while still keeping an eye on the finish line. We hope all our fellow students stay strong and focused on their studies. The final stretch may be tough, but we've all proven we can rise to the challenge.

Let's make these last weeks count!

Signing out,  
Tricelle L, Nelson M L, Lojayn M, and Jerome G  
**2024 Senior Leadership Team**





# *message from* OUR 2025 LEADERS



We are thrilled to introduce ourselves as the new 2025 Senior Leadership Team at Bass High School. We are committed to our school services and promise to preform our responsibilities at school with maturity and dedication. We represent Bass High as outstanding role models, performing at our best to help all students flourish. The leadership team is not just about the badges we wear, it is about ensuring the voices of our peers are heard and made a priority.

Term 3 began with Year 12 Trial examinations. We would like to wish them the best of luck through these challenging times.

The 2024 theme for Education week was "Proud to Belong". Our junior SRC voiced that building lasting friendships and positive rapport with their classroom teachers makes them "proud to belong" at school. To recognise the strong bonds we have at Bass, students were able to pre-order friendship bracelets or matching phone charms with our friendly SRC team. These special gifts were delivered during our year meetings. Following that, our amazing Maths Faculty organised an exciting event marking the start of the 2024 Olympics with a mathematical twist called the "Mathlympics". Many students showcased their unique numerical skills and abilities, highlighting the beauty of numbers.

With our year group entering the biggest and most important year of our high school journey next term, our teachers and staff have immensely supported as well as provided us with unlimited care and advices to ensure our learning is boosted. We would like to express our gratitude and recognition towards our school community. With a special shout out to our Careers Advisor, Ms Chami for creating amazing opportunities for our Year 11 group. Ms Chami has granted the ability for flourishing students ant Bass High to engage with specialised individuals in various fields of work, paving a way for our soon to be future.

We wish Year 12 the greatest luck for the HSC exams as well as your future lives. You all have worked very hard throughout your high school years and we believe you all will succeed in your lives. Other than Year 12, our team would also like to wish every a wonderful and relaxing holiday and enjoy your breaks!

Julia Y, Christian G, Annie N, Nicholas S, Nadeen M, Amir A  
**2025 Senior Student Leadership Team**

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Ms. Chrysanthi Diasinos for winning the Minister's Teacher Excellence Award! Ms. Diasinos is an exceptional English teacher who is deeply committed to ensuring that her students not only learn but also achieve and grow to their fullest potential. Her dedication to fostering a love for learning and her unwavering support for her students' academic and personal development make her truly deserving of this prestigious recognition.

As an outstanding literacy practitioner, Ms. Diasinos excels in creating an engaging and inclusive learning environment where all students feel empowered to improve their literacy skills. She employs evidence-based strategies that are tailored to meet the diverse needs of her students, ensuring that each individual progresses at their own pace. Ms. Diasinos's innovative approach to teaching literacy not only enhances students' reading and writing abilities but also inspires them to become critical thinkers and lifelong learners. Her passion for literacy and her commitment to her students' success are evident in the significant improvements her students consistently demonstrate, making her an invaluable asset to the school community.





# message from SRC COORDINATOR

Term 3 has been a busy term, as our Student Representative Council (SRC) has diligently organised Book Week Dress Up Day that happened on the 23rd of August, 2024. With this year's theme being "Reading is Magic", the event encouraged students to explore the joy of reading, unleash their creativity, and dive into the world of reading. Students were invited to come dressed as their favourite book or movie characters, making the day an exciting celebration of imagination and the power of stories.

Ms T Ge  
SRC Coordinator





# YEAR 10 NEWS



Year 10 Appreciation Day was a fantastic event, with students dressing up as their superheroes or someone they admire. The year 10 Camp Committee did an excellent job organising the sausage sizzle fundraiser, with all proceeds going towards the year 10 camp. A big thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to making the day such a success!





# CAMP

The Year 10 camp was an absolute success! Our students took on thrilling challenges like the goliath swing and cliff abseiling, showing incredible bravery and pushing through their fears. A campfire under the stars, complete with toasted marshmallows and live music from Mr Parkinson, Alexander Baiden, and Falao Tutagalevao, brought everyone together for an unforgettable experience.

Huge thanks to our amazing staff for making this camp possible—our students made memories that will last a lifetime!

Ms S Azari  
Year 10 Advisor





# *message from* ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER



## ABORIGINAL STUDIES - GIDABUL DOOBAY

Students have been attending the school farm for Aboriginal Studies with Bev Garces. We have commenced work on a pond and yarning circle, whilst also tidied up the garden area. Bev engages with the students and educates them about the importance of connecting with country.



## KARI MENTOR HUB

Wyndam from KARI has been engaging with our students, teaching them about Aboriginal culture. The students were given the chance to learn about the different hunting techniques and even got the opportunity to throw a boomerang.



Mr M Chebl

**Aboriginal Education Officer**



# ENGLISH *faculty*

## ENGLISH FACULTY WINS LITERACY AWARD

At Bass High School, inclusivity is at the heart of our educational philosophy, reflected in our comprehensive range of learning methods and opportunities tailored to meet the diverse needs of our students. Our commitment to enhancing literacy is exemplified by the Reading Renaissance Program, which has achieved notable success, particularly among Year 8 students who collectively exceeded 1 million words read. Many of our students have significantly advanced their reading ages by up to 2 years, demonstrating the program's efficacy in fostering academic growth and confidence. Recently, our English faculty received recognition in the Secretary's Award for an Outstanding School Initiative in the Public Education Awards. This accolade celebrates our pioneering efforts where evidence-based literacy strategies are employed to inspire our students to envision themselves as future entrepreneurs and leaders. Congratulations team!

Mrs M Hamed

**Head Teacher English**



# MATHS

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# MATHLYMPICS

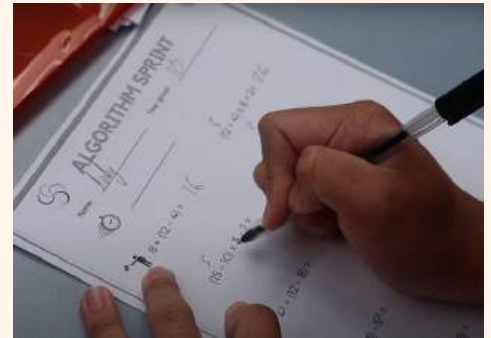
To celebrate Public Education Week and the Olympics at Bass High, our amazing Maths faculty put together a fun and exciting competition to highlight how math is not just relevant but incredibly engaging in real life!

Students had a blast with activities like straw javelin throwing, frog racing, and guessing games, among many others! The event truly sparked a sense of belonging and joy in learning. Congratulations to our Gold, Silver and Bronze winners!

**Guesstimate BHS beans!**



**100m algorithm sprint!**



**Stop the clock!**



**Froggy run!**



## FATHER'S DAY!

On Father's Day, our Year 12 advisor, Ms. Gogna, and the Year 12 students united to bring joy and celebration to Bass. We came together for a memorable day filled with delicious BBQ, cupcakes, bubble tea, and uplifting music. Your support made this day special, and we are truly grateful. Thank you for being part of our vibrant community!



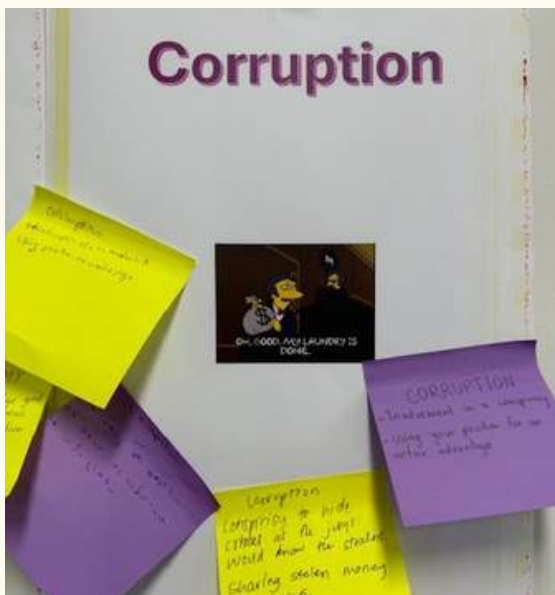




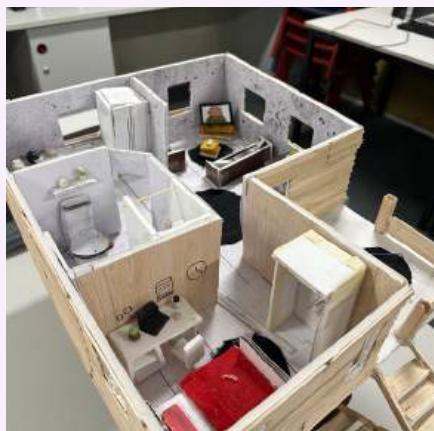
# HSIE *faculty*

## Medieval 'Gallery Walk'

This term Mr. Versace's Year 9 Elective History students have been studying the topic Crime and Punishment. In particular they have been looking at crime and punishment in the Middle Ages and seeing what has changed (or stayed the same). Students researched some of the different types of crime and punishment in the Middle Ages. They used the information to create posters using post-it notes which were collated to create a big poster showcasing all the students contributions of their findings.



# TLC faculty



## HSC Major Projects, Performances and Works

*Pictured above: Design Technology student's Major Projects including models, textiles and product design.*

This term our Yr 12 HSC students were hard at work to finish off their Major Projects and polish their final performances in TLC. Students undertook a variety of projects across Visual Arts, Industrial Technology: Multimedia and Design and Technology. They also performed pieces for the Music examinations. Their projects showed creativity, skill and commitment to the practical arts.

We wish them all the best for their future endeavours post school.

Mrs K Hudson  
**Design & Technology Teacher**



# VISUAL ARTS

This term junior students focused on developing their painting skills.

Year 7 students learned about Cubism through artists like Pablo Picasso and created collages that they to make their own cubist painted portraits.

Year 8 students focused on the era of Impressionism and took inspiration from great artists like Claude Monet and Edgar Degas to create their own paintings of nature or famous landmarks.

Our students achieved great success with their projects, and put in a lot of effort to plan and create their paintings. We are so proud of their work, to see what they are capable of achieving with practice, patience and the right resources.

Mrs F Khaled  
**Visual Art Teacher**



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## JAPANESE

Our Year 9 and Support Unit students studying Japanese recently had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese culture at the Cherry Blossom Festival held at Auburn Botanic Garden on the 21 of August 2024. The students had an amazing time basking in the sunshine while capturing stunning photos of the delicate cherry blossoms in full bloom. They also savoured a variety of delicious Japanese treats, enjoyed the rhythmic beats of the taiko drums, and even had the chance to meet Hello Kitty! It was a vibrant day filled with cultural experiences, bringing their language studies to life.



# TEACHING & LEARNING



The Teaching and Learning Team is committed to creating a stimulating and supportive academic environment where every student can excel. We believe in a collaborative approach, working together with teachers, parents, and students to achieve our shared educational goals.

This term we are particularly excited about our current initiative to upskill our teaching staff in artificial intelligence. Understanding and leveraging AI is becoming increasingly crucial in today's world, and we are dedicated to preparing our educators to integrate these technologies into their teaching practices. We also focused on providing teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to use AI tools effectively in the classroom. This includes everything from AI-driven educational software to data analysis tools that help tailor instruction to individual student needs. By embracing these advancements, we aim to enhance the learning experience and equip our students with the skills they need for the future.

## MEET OUR LIBRARIANS

Our school is fortunate to have a fantastic team of librarians who work together to create a vibrant and welcoming library for all our students. Mr A Akca, Ms Y Brydon and Mr P Davies collaborate to foster a love of reading and learning across the school. They manage a diverse range of books, and ensure that students have access to both traditional and digital resources. Their dedication make the library a hub of exploration, creativity, and discovery for our students.



Ms T Ge

**Head Teacher Teaching & Learning**

# SUPPORT UNIT

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Our Support Unit team has had another wonderful term at Bass High School. We are extremely fortunate to have twelve very dedicated teachers and SLSOs in the Support Unit, who make every day a fun and educational learning experience for all students.

Students in the Support Unit are becoming very talented little Chefs, with lots of experience cooking in the school kitchens. Students are mastering the art of cupcake, stir fry and pasta dishes, burger and gourmet breakfast making. Several of our students also regularly volunteer at the school Cafe during break times.

This term twenty of our students also attended the Cherry Blossom Botanical Gardens, and a great day was had by all.

Bass High school recently celebrated Education week and some of the Mathematics Faculty's top competition winners on the day, were our Support Unit students.

The Support Unit also received lots of new sports equipment, Sensory room equipment, cooking appliances, dozens of Geography and Science Jig- Saw puzzles and twelve new laptops this term.

Ms Sallam Bianco

**Head Teacher Support Unit (Relieving)**





# LAST

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## YEAR 7 CHECK IN ASSESSMENT

Year 7 students participated in the Online Check In assessment during Weeks 2-5. Check In consisted of two assessments in the areas of reading and numeracy.

Year 7 Check In provides schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. It is just one part of a school's assessment and reporting process and does not replace ongoing assessments made by classroom teachers about academic achievement.



## YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMS & PROVISIONS

During Weeks Three and Four of Term Three, the Year 12 cohort sat their Trial HSC Exams in the hall.

Exams can be an exciting and stressful time so the Learning and Support Team have been working with students to alleviate some of the pressure of this time. Many students benefit from special provisions during the exam, and may be eligible for adjustments including small group supervision in the library and/or rest breaks of five minutes per half hour.

Later this term, in Weeks 8 and 9, Year 11 will also sit exams in the hall. Students with additional health, wellbeing, and social needs may be entitled to provisions during these exams.

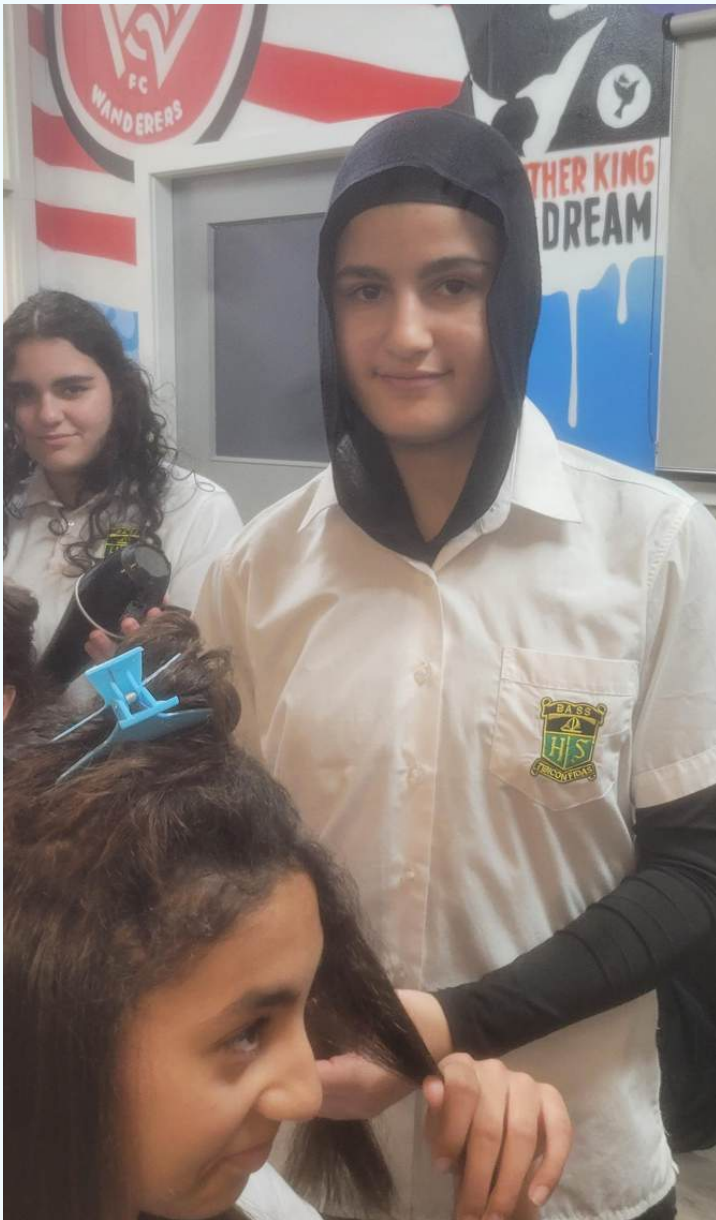
If students, parents, and carers would like more information about this process, please contact the Bass High School Learning and Support Team.



Ms Stephanie Hopper  
**Head Teacher LaST (Relieving)**

# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT *team*

In addition to academic excellence, Bass High School prepares students for the world beyond the classroom through practical vocational programs. The introduction of hairdressing and barbering courses has been transformative, facilitating over 30 apprenticeships for students eager to enter the workforce with essential skills. Looking forward, Bass High is set to launch the Autoshed initiative in the upcoming term, offering students hands-on experience in automotive mechanics and road safety, augmented by cutting-edge driving equipment and simulators. By providing such diverse pathways to success, Bass High School continues to empower its students to achieve their full potential and thrive in an ever-changing global landscape.





# CLO *Update*

## Education Week Performance

In celebration of Education Week, Villawood East Public School invited several students from Bass High School to showcase their traditional Welcome Performance. The students coordinated rhythms and claps, creating a captivating tune that drew the attention of the Villawood community.

Students brought their energy and passion to the stage and entertained the audience while fostering a deeper appreciation for the rich cultural traditions they represent.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students who participated in this beautiful performance. We also wish to express our gratitude to all staff who supported the students throughout the preparation and the excursion, making this celebration of Education Week special.

Mrs H Beydoun  
**Community Liaison Officer**



# SSO *Update*

I am excited to share some fantastic updates from our recent programs!

Our Food Lab Cooking Engagement Program has been a great success, with students showing incredible enthusiasm for learning new cooking skills and enjoying delicious meals together. It has been a joy to see everyone working together in the kitchen, building teamwork and life skills along the way.

The RAGE Program has also kicked off with great success! This program is designed to help students understand and manage their emotions in a healthy way. We're already seeing positive changes as participants learn valuable strategies for emotional regulation and self-awareness.

Mark your calendars for R U OK? Day coming up soon! We'll have plenty of fun activities planned, including a sausage sizzle event. It's a great opportunity to connect with others, check in on friends, and spread some positivity around the school.

For term 4, I am working on more programs to introduce to Bass and I look forward to seeing everyone get involved in these wonderful initiatives!

Don't forget, the Wellbeing Hub is now open during breaks 1 and 2 on Monday's and Friday's. This space offers all students a chance to unwind and practice mindfulness in a relaxed environment. Whether you need a quiet moment, or want to engage in some calming activities, the Hub is the perfect place to recharge.

Everyone is welcome to drop by anytime with a blue note from a teacher and break times my door is always open.

Ms B Martins  
**Student Support officer**





# CAREERS *News*

## WESTERN SYDNEY CAREERS EXPO

On the 26th and 27th June approximately 140 students from years 10, 11 and 12 visited the Careers Expo at the Sydney Showground. This excursion provided the students the opportunity to visit and speak to different exhibitors to collect resources and information for tertiary courses, career and employment options.



## ‘SAY YES TO TRADES’ EXPO

In addition to the careers expo, selected students from year 10 were provided the opportunity to visit the ‘Say YES to Trades’ expo organised by Superior Training Centre (STC). This event provided students with the opportunity to explore different careers in trade and also enjoy interactive arcade games. It also provided students the opportunity to directly connect with leading employers in various trades such as refrigeration, air-conditioning, metal fabrication and electrotechnology.

## WSU ALL SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

On the 21st August, year 11 students visited the Western Sydney University All Schools Conference. This was a great opportunity for students interested in applying for university participate in workshops and ask questions about university courses and programs. Students participated in a nursing workshop and also were exposed to the different business degrees that are on offer.



## HSC UAC APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder that UAC applications are open for students to apply for undergraduate studies at university. Please note that the UAC application early bird fee deadline is the 30th September 2024.

# GYM EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

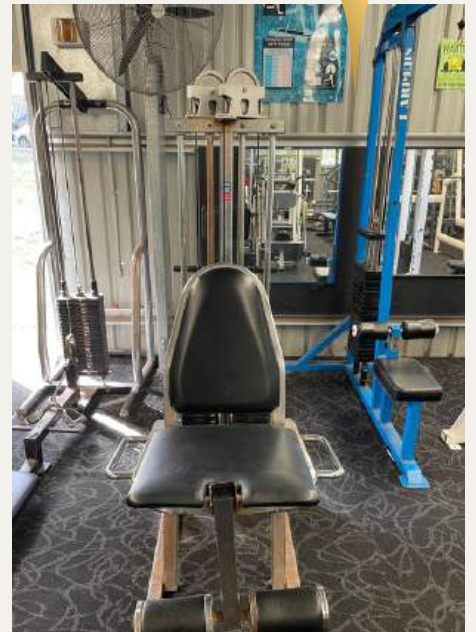


Bass High School is selling a variety of gym equipment. All offers will be considered, so don't miss out on this opportunity to grab your fitness gear! Offer closes on the 27th of September at 9:00 am.

For more information or to make an offer, please get in touch with us at:

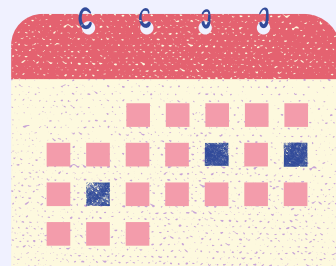
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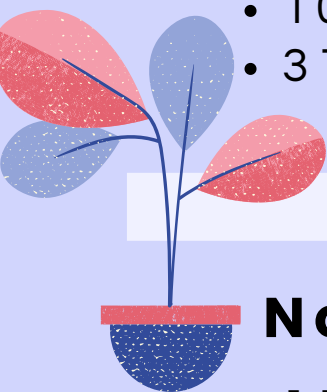


# upcoming EVENTS



## October

- 07/10/24 - Labour Day-07/10
- 10/10/24 - World Mental health Day
- 31/10/24 - Year 7/8 Embrace Excursion

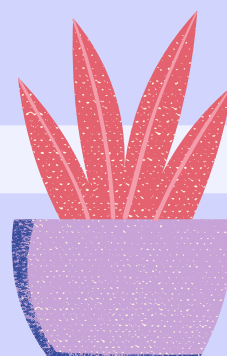


## November

- 11/11/24 - Remembrance Day
- 20/11/24 - World Children's Day
- 18-22/11/24 - Yr 9 Swim School
- 25-29/11/24 - Yr 7 Swim School

## December

- 03/12/24 - Orientation Day
- 11/12/24 - Presentation Day
- 18/12/24 - Last Day of School
- 25/12/24 - Christmas Day





# THANK YOU


*Bass High School would like to acknowledge the efforts of all the contributors to Bass Buzz content from students, staff, parents, P&C and the wider community.*


The last day of Term 3 is the **27th of September 24.**

Term 4 students and staff return on **14th October 24**


**We look forward to another term full of success and progression.**

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