



Welcome back to term 2. Apologies for newsletter being a little late in being published but I will blame the short weeks! Students have settled in really well. I must commend all students and their families on the ease of returns – it makes our lives so much easier and it is really positive to see that students respect the routines that we have in place.

Although a short two weeks it has been busy. Students are back into the routine of study, we have had a small group of students start a photography course, cattle and horse programmes are back up and running, as is music, touch football and general campus activities.

Please note that this term will see some changes to Brad Pharaoh's hours:-

- Monday 2pm – 9pm
- Tuesday 12 – 6
- Wednesday 12 – 6
- Thursday – 8 – 3.30 ish
- Friday – 8 – 3.30 ish

Brad's programmes this term will involve Monday night boxing open to all students and his leadership programme that will run on Wednesdays. He is also working across the two campuses in supporting students.

Boarders continue to be involved in sporting trial for Inner Downs selections etc. Again, I cannot stress enough how important it is for students to get involved in extracurricular activities, especially when it means representing and supporting the school.

From across the grounds

Here is a quick snapshot of what is happening: (in no particular order)

- Campus received about 25mls of rain last week so Tony is planting some Oats
- Sorghum crop yielded well
- Sheep breeding programme has begun for this year
- The Sheep feedlot trial has been extended for Campus data collection
- The new shade structure for the Greenhouse is complete and Nathan is working on having it all set up and operational for week 3

- Preparations for Ekka with cattle, sheep and agricultural display have begun

Housekeeping

Just a reminder; Again feel free to contact the campus if you have any questions or concerns:

- Term 2 fees are now due. If you wish to discuss a payment plan, please contact Delia Stephens to arrange.
- Please note that the preferred payment process is through B-Point. **NOTE** that B-Pay is no longer a payment option. The Department of Education no longer supports this option.
- Remember that absences from school are closely monitored and absences for students in years 11 and 12 can impact the student's ability to attend Formal etc. Boarders who have considerable distance to travel are generously given travel days that as a campus we inform school of. Any additional days off are the responsibility of parents to notify the school. Be aware that even explained absences are not a guarantee that a year 12 student will be able to attend Formal and other school celebrations. If you have any concerns re this, please give me a call.

Important Dates:

30/4 – Year 11 camp
02/5 – Year 7 camp
07/5 – Public Holiday
11/5 – BC Parent meeting 2pm
15/5 – Naplan
08/6 – BC Parent meeting 2pm
18/6 – Exam block Year 10/11/12
29/6 – Last day of Term 2
16/7 – Term 3 Boarder travel day

End of year

12/11- DSHS Awards night
13/11- Bunya Campus dinner (new format)
14/11- Year 12 formal
15/11 - Valedictory