Welcome to parents, students and the general community to the first edition of our newsletter for 2017. We have had a brilliant start to the school year. Enrolments have increased on 2016 numbers, and we have welcomed over 200 new students to the Belridge SC community for the first time. Whilst we welcomed the new students, we also welcomed 8 new teaching staff to the College. These teachers have settled into the school year professionally, and have begun their Belridge journey well. I look forward to working with students, staff and families to ensure that students accomplish the best that they can in a safe and caring environment.

The Year 7 students have made a terrific transition to a secondary setting and they are working hard to establish a positive reputation across the school. They are attending at an average attendance of 98%, which is outstanding. Ms Heather Currie has led the transition for these students, as the Year 7 Year Coordinator, and is continuing to support them as they grow accustomed to secondary schooling.

The challenge for students, parents and our staff is to maintain this great start throughout the rest of the year. Recently I was reminded of a statement made by William Arthur Ward, a US newspaper editor and writer. He said:

"Flatter me and I may not believe you. Criticise me and I may not like you. Ignore me and I may not forgive you. Encourage me and I may not forget you."

In addition to the positive start to the 2017 school year, other recent data that reflects positively on our students and the work of our staff and parents from 2016 includes:

- A median ATAR of 68.
- 95% of students completing at least one Certificate II.
- An attainment rate (the percentage of students who leave our school in Year 12 with an ATAR over 55 or a Certificate II) of 98% - the highest in the history of the College.
- Three students receiving Certificates of Commendation (20 A Grades over two years).
- A 90% graduation rate.

Our results are a direct reflection of parents, staff and students working together. In that spirit, I would like to clarify the best people to talk with if you want to discuss any issues that may arise with your students. In this edition of the newsletter you will receive a flyer entitled “Talking With Your College”. Please take the time to read the article and contact the school if you have not yet received your account details.

Connect is a powerful tool that all teachers will be using in 2017. It is important that as many parents as possible are enabled to access this platform that support students technology.

Finally, I would like to thank Associate Principal, Mr Mario Pisano, for his leadership in Term 4, 2016 in my absence. It is reassuring to have had the College in good hands whilst I was on long service leave, and Mr Pisano did an outstanding job. Mr Pisano is on leave for the remainder of Term 1 and we wish him well for a well-deserved break.

Again, welcome to the 2017 school year. I am looking forward to working with you all to make sure that all students have the best possible experience and learning journey at Belridge SC.

JOHN BURKE
Principal
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I wish to welcome all the Year 7 students and their parents/caregivers to the Belridge Secondary College community. We have also had new students from Years 8 to 12 join the school community transferring from other schools, interstate and overseas. I also welcome these students to Belridge SC. Active parent/caregiver involvement is paramount to the educational achievement and success of the student. I look forward to establishing and maintaining strong and productive working relationships with all our new families to help achieve positive and rewarding outcomes for their children.

School Dress Code
I spoke to all the Year 7 and 8 students at their first assembly. I was impressed and proud on how smart all the students looked in their school uniforms. Belridge SC has a policy that “if you are not in school dress you are not in the classroom”. I encourage all students to maintain this high level of appearance and to take pride in their school.

Year 7 Welcome Barbeque
Wednesday 15 February
Many parents/caregivers took the opportunity to view the school during the 2016 Open and Orientation Days. Invitations have been sent to attend the Year 7 Welcome Barbeque to be held on Wednesday 15 February from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet staff and other parents/caregivers in an informal setting. We always have a fantastic roll up and it will be great to meet as many new families as possible.

Year 8 Vaccinations
Vaccination forms were distributed and returned to the school late last year. Vaccinations are conducted by the City of Joondalup. If you haven’t returned the forms and still require your child to be vaccinated, you need to do so before 17 February. Additional forms can be collected from the school. The vaccinations are conducted over three (3) rounds. The first round of vaccinations will be held on Thursday 23 February. The next round of vaccinations will be conducted on Thursday 4 May, with the final round on Thursday 14 September. Please note these dates in your diary as there are no catch up sessions. Students absent on the day will need to get vaccinated through their local doctor.

Year 7 Elevate Education Programme
On Friday 24 February all Year 7 students will participate in workshops during periods 1 & 2 conducted by Elevate Education. The workshops are titled Study Skills Kick Start and Junior Management Time and are presented by university students. A similar program was conducted for Year 11 students during Week 2 of this term, which proved highly beneficial. I believe this program will further assist the students in their transition to high school.

A parent information evening is scheduled for Wednesday 1 March from 6.30pm—7.30pm. Invitations will be distributed soon.

Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN 2017
All Year 7 and 9 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in May. These are compulsory national tests. Parents will receive information regarding this testing program through the mail later this term. Students will prepare for these tests in their Mathematics and English classes, becoming familiar with the format, language, response types and time constraints.

Student performance is even more important, as success in NAPLAN 9 determines whether students need to sit the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (OLNA) in Year 10. The Western Australia Certificate of Education (WACE) - Years 11 & 12 - requires students to achieve a prescribed minimum standard in literacy and numeracy to achieve the WACE. Students who achieve Band 8 in NAPLAN 9 for both literacy and numeracy are deemed to have met this minimum standard, so therefore will pre-qualify for the OLNA and do not have to sit it. Students will have two opportunities in Year 10 to attain this minimum standard. Achieving Band 8 in NAPLAN 9 removes the pressure and stress in Year 10. Whereby in the past some students may not have tried their best in NAPLAN, I encourage all students to recognise the importance of these tests.

I ask parents and caregivers to discuss these tests with their children and impress upon them to do their best.

Student Electives – Middle School
All Middle School students do an elective taster course. Students complete three electives in Semester 1 and three different electives in Semester 2. Students in a specialist or elite program complete the full rotation of electives over two years. Unfortunately due to timetable constraints, students completing two specialist programs cannot complete any of the electives. This will not impact on their subject selections when entering Year 11.

MARIO PISANO
Vice Principal
Middle School
Welcome back to 2017 - It has been a smooth start to the school year and I have been impressed with the application of the vast majority of our Senior Students so far. There are a few matters that I need to highlight, so we can continue to have a successful year.

**Year 11 & 12 Students Wednesday Period 5:**

**Year 12 ATAR**
All Year 12 ATAR students (students with 3 or more ATAR courses) must stay at school to study in the library.

**Year 12 Non-ATAR and Year 11**
Students and parents are reminded that Period 5 on Wednesday is an important part of senior students’ programs. Students should not make permanent arrangements to be out of school at this time, because attendance at organised talks, information sessions and study sessions is compulsory.

Also, Year 11 and 12 students who fall behind in their assessments will be required to attend catch-up sessions in the library. To benefit the Senior School, the library is not available to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students at lunchtime and Period 5 on Wednesdays.

Senior School students will be informed when they are required to stay. If they are not required, they can leave at Break 2. If they want to stay, they need to work and study in the library. Once they leave the school, they cannot return that day.

**Year 11 Students**
On the second Thursday of the term, we suspended normal timetable for Year 11 students for periods 2 and 3 and presented them with seminars to improve their studying and time management skills. Feedback from most students was positive and they picked up some valuable tips and strategies.

There will be a follow up talk for parents of Year 11 students, presented by Elevate Education, at the school on TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY between 6.30-7.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre. I look forward to meeting you then.

**Year 12 Students Sitting External Exams**
The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) offers special examination arrangements to candidates with permanent or temporary disabilities who sit the WACE examinations. Provided full medical reports are provided, SCSA may grant special arrangements for conditions such as:

- Vision or hearing impairment
- Learning disabilities, such as dyslexia or dysgraphia
- Medical conditions such as ADD/ADHA, illness, psychological, physical disability or fine motor disability.
- Conditions such as diabetes.


Applications must be submitted through the school to SCSA by 16 May.

If you have any questions or think your son/daughter may qualify, please contact Rob Strickland at the school as soon as possible.

**Year 11 Students**
Please read the above. It is important that parents and students notify Mr Strickland if the above conditions apply to them.

**Year 11 and 12 Students**
Following my report, attached to our newsletter email to parents I have included some private study providers. Please consider these carefully.

**Road Safety**
It is a good time at the beginning of the school year to remind everyone about road safety. The speed limit on Gwendoline Drive is 40kmph and in the school drive-through the speed limit is a crawl.

Also, could I request that all parents (and I have made the same request of staff) use the correct ENTRY and EXIT driveways at the front of the school. Finally, please be aware that school buses need to have sufficient room to make their way through to the bus stops (see article on page 14).

In closing, I wish all students and parents a very successful year.

ROBERT STRICKLAND
Vice Principal - Senior School
Belridge Secondary College is committed to improving student and teacher learning.

Educational scholars and years of research show that the best schools in Australia are not necessarily those with the best ATAR or NAPLAN scores. They are those that enable their students to make the greatest progress in learning. Working together, teachers can assess what each student knows now, target their teaching to what they are ready to learn next, and track each student’s progress over time. In the world’s largest analysis of the factors that improve student learning, Professor John Hattie shows that the teaching strategies with the greatest impact are those that use evidence of learning to inform and improve teaching.

In light of this, we are starting the year off with a diagnostic assessment program to try and determine students’ achievement levels and areas of strength and weakness, using the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Progressive Achievement Tests for all English and Mathematics classes in Years 7 to 10, and for Year 7 Science classes. Details are available at:  

https://www.acer.edu.au/

Year 10 students who have not prequalified for the OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) by achieving Band 8 in the Year 9 NAPLAN assessment will be receiving additional support in their Maths and English classes, with some students receiving small group tuition during one of their elective classes, and by using a commercially developed online program, OLNAWA in relevant Maths and English classes. Details available at:  


Year 11 and 12 students who are yet to attain Category 3 in their previous attempts at OLNA in 2016 are being provided with additional support during the Senior School flexible learning period on Wednesday afternoons using external tutors from Mastermind Australia and the newly developed Foundation Skills Assessment Tool, which helps students determine their literacy and numeracy skill levels referenced against the Australian Core Skills Framework. Further information is available at:  


While schools, teachers and family support all have an influence on students’ progress and achievement, the student also needs to take responsibility for their learning by staying focused and attentive during their classes, being organised and prepared for classes, making use of the student planner developing effective study skills, and by completing classwork, homework and set assignments in a timely manner.

The majority of our students understand that educational success is increasingly measured through external assessment points; NAPLAN in Years 7 and 9, OLNA in Years 10 to 12 and the WACE in Years 11 and 12, and as our results in recent years have shown, with the support of their teachers and families the great majority of our students achieve their goals.

CARLOS NOTARPIETRO
Associate Principal
Student Services 2017

On behalf of the Student Services Team, we would like to welcome all students and their families to Belridge Secondary College for the 2017 school year. We hope that you are all reenergised after the summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

The Student Services Team assists with the health and wellbeing of students across the school. Both the Middle and the Senior School have a Head of Student Services who work in conjunction with the Year Coordinators, School Psychologist, Student Support Officer, Community Health Nurse and Attendance Officers to administer a wide range of school processes that support staff and students within the school.

There have been a number of changes in Student Services for 2017. We welcome Mrs Bridgid Lafferty into the role of Head of Student Services – Middle School and would like to thank Ms Taryn Hunt for her valuable contributions to the team in the last half of 2016. A shuffle of Year Coordinators (see below) has taken place for a myriad of reasons and we are thankful for their ongoing support throughout the year. Mr Hal Spedding will be backfilling a role in administration for the beginning of 2017 and then on long service leave. In light of this, we welcome Mrs Heather Ferreri back into the fray as Head of Student Services – Senior School for Term 1 and 2.

ABSENCE PROCEDURES
Absences for part of the day, all day, or for several days, must be covered by a written explanation, SMS, phone call or via the Belridge school app from the parent or guardian. These notes must be dated and specify the reasons for the absence/s. They should be brought to school by the student either before (if known) or returning from a period of absence and handed to the Form Teacher or the Student Services Office. It is essential that students be at school by 8:40am each day. They must also ensure that they are prompt to all classes (see page 19 for contact numbers).

LATENESS
Students who arrive late to school without an acceptable explanation will be issued with a detention. If a student fails to attend the first detention, they will be issued with a final reminder and subsequent failure to attend the detention may result in suspension from school. This procedure has been put in place to minimise the disruption to classes by students who are persistently late to school.

BEHAVIOUR
One of the most significant influences affecting quality student outcomes is student behaviour in classrooms and throughout the school generally. Belridge SC has in place a Behaviour Management Policy. The purpose of this policy is to modify unacceptable behaviour so that we can provide a safe, pleasant working environment for all students. If you would like to find more details about the Behaviour Management Policy, you can do so through Student Planners and also on the Belridge SC website.

Belridge SC has a Good Standing Policy that applies to all students. A loss of Good Standing can be due to a variety of reasons related to attendance, behaviour or school work. A loss of Good Standing will preclude a student from participating in any extra-curricular activities or events. Please refer to the school website for more information on the Good Standing Policy.

PLANNERS
The students at Belridge SC are required to bring their student planners to school each day as part of a whole school initiative to support the use of student planners to assist the organisation of students. Students use their school planners to record classwork, homework and assessments, as well as important dates of upcoming events. Planners must be taken into every class as they are also an area where teachers are able to record student movement during class time and where parents and teachers are able to communicate with each other. Student planners are checked by form teachers on a regular basis and must be sighted and signed weekly by a parent or guardian to ensure they are being used appropriately.
POSITIVE INCENTIVES PROGRAM

Over the course of 2016 we saw the roll out of the Positive Incentives Program, as well as the Random Acts of Kindness initiative; both of which recognise and celebrate students for their valuable contributions to the school community. The grand prize winner at the end of Term 4, Bailey Hyne, (pictured left) was set to have a great holiday, winning vouchers in excess of $500 including 6 double movie passes, a $170 Timezone powercard and double passes to Adventure World and Splash City. Congratulations Bailey! There will be many more exciting prizes in 2017, with entries into each term’s major prize draw are via:

- Student of the Month Nominations
- Form Points
- Random Acts of Kindness Nominations
- Attendance - Champions (100%) and Honourable Mentions (99%)

WATCH THIS SPACE!!! HARMONY DAY TO BE CELEBRATED AT BELRIDGE SC

Join us on 21 March and celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity this Harmony Day. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Our diversity helps makes Australia a great place to live and Belridge SC a great place to school.

CONTACT US!

As noted earlier, there are a number of staff on the Student Services Team who assist staff, students and families to have a successful and enjoyable time at Belridge SC. The main point of contact for each year group is the Year Coordinator. The role of the Year Coordinator is to oversee the personal development and wellbeing of the students in their care. This involves the policing of the school uniform and the counselling of students in terms of any personal, academic or school problems they may encounter. They also liaise between students, teachers and parents when the need arises. Additional duties involve attendance checks, year level assemblies, awareness of bullying prevention, year level functions, student recognition, collecting student work for absent students etc. If you have any questions about your child’s progress, health or the strategies the school implements to deal with issues that may arise, please feel free to contact the appropriate member of the team:

Year 7 Coordinator – Ms Heather Currie
Year 8 Coordinator – Ms Alicia Holliday
Year 9 Coordinator – Mr Brent Jarvis-Spinks
Year 10 Coordinator – Mr Joel Bond
Year 11 Coordinator – Miss Tarryn Hunt
Year 12 Coordinator – Mr Lazo Njegich
Student Support Officer – Mr Phill Ashton
School Psychologist – Ms Ida Steyn
Community Health Nurse – Deborah Lawrence
Head of Student Services - Years 7, 8 and 9 - Mrs Bridgid Lafferty
Head of Student Services - Years 10, 11 and 12 – Mrs Heather Feneri

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Student Services Team 2017
Left to Right:
Phil Ashton, Bridgid Lafferty, Hal Spedding, Ida Steyn, Heather Feneri and Carolyn Wright

Year Coordinators 2017
Left to Right
Heather Currie, Alicia Holliday, Brent Jarvis-Spinks, Tarryn Hunt and Joel Bond
(Lazo Njegich absent)
Manager of Corporate Services

Welcome back for 2017. We thank all those parents who have paid school contributions/charges early.

Year 11 and 12 charges are compulsory and we ask that all charges owing be paid before the end of Term 1 - Friday 7 April.

For Years 7-10 contributions, we request full payment by the end of Term 2 at the latest - Friday 30 June.

Parents/Guardians who had time payment plans in place for 2016 fees and charges, or have yet to pay outstanding amounts, please do so by the end of Term 1. Outstanding compulsory charges will be rolled over to your 2017 fees.

Should you wish to set up a time payment plan for your 2017 school fees, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

The school offers EFTPOS facilities and credit card payments over the phone for your convenience. We also offer internet banking (Direct Deposit). Account details are as follows:

Account name: Belridge Secondary College
Bank: ANZ
BSB: 016-261
Account No: 102744334
Reference: Student name and year

WHEN MAKING A DIRECT DEPOSIT, PLEASE DETAIL THE STUDENT NAME & YEAR AND CHECK YOU DON’T MAKE AN EXTRA PAYMENT

The school office hours are between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

Secondary Assistance Scheme
Applications close Friday 7 April. See page 9 for full details and eligibility criteria.

GREG CAREY
Manager of Corporate Services

School Board Matters - February 2017

To all returning students, volunteers and staff, and to all those who are new to Belridge, the Belridge Secondary College Board (the Board) would like to wish you all a safe and very successful year as you undertake your studies, work related duties or volunteer work. We thank you for your efforts.

We would also like to welcome back Mr Burke from his three months of fishing ... thank you Mr Pisano for stepping into Mr Burke's shoes so admirably during his time away.

The Board met for the first time in 2017 on Monday 6 February. During this meeting we were very pleased to be advised of the wonderful achievements of students from 2016. The overall academic picture for Belridge is something we can all be very proud of. Of course, like with most things in life, there is room for improvement and the Board stands firmly behind the college as it implements its strategies for the continuous development of students' and staff potential.

Once again, best of luck to all of you and study hard...

JANINE ESPEY
Chairperson

Email schoolboard@belridgecollege.wa.edu.au
2017
SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Applications close 7 April 2017

GENERAL INFORMATION
The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

Parents/guardians must apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme each school year (annually) — applications do not carry forward to future years.

To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or Veterans’ Affairs card that represents a statement of income for the family.

The allowance consists of two components:
- $115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or the school.
- $235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.

Application is made by the parent or guardian for students enrolled in Years 7–12 studying a full time secondary course at a Western Australian public school.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Parent or Guardian must hold one of the following cards:
- Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Health Care Card
- Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

Please Note: The only Veterans’ Affairs Card that meets the criteria is a blue card that is issued annually and expires in December each year. This card is income means tested.

The parent/guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid some time during first term. The only exception to this is when a student holds their own healthcare card and has been declared independent by Centrelink (e.g. Living Away from Home). In this instance, a letter of confirmation from Centrelink needs to accompany the application.

The allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age i.e. students born in 1998 or before are ineligible in 2017.

APPLICATION FORMS
Application forms should not be altered and are to be completed at the school during Term 1 only. If the form is completed prior to the commencement of Term 1 the school must complete the enrolment confirmation section to confirm attendance. (Forms dated by the school prior to Term 1, 2017 will not be accepted). Please ensure to keep a photocopy of the signed form for school records.

LATE APPLICATIONS
Late applications will only be accepted in extenuating circumstances and must be accompanied with a written explanation.

Eligible interstate or overseas students who are enrolled after first term may apply for the allowance. Date of enrolment must be noted on the application.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES
Schools will receive the Educational Program Allowance of $235 for Secondary Assistance recipients. For students in Years 7 to 10 the Allowance will be paid directly to the school and in the first instance, will be applied towards the voluntary contribution. Any balance will be applied against charges or as negotiated with the parent/guardian. For students in Years 11 to 12 the Allowance will be applied to cover charges, in the first instance.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
The clothing allowance of $115 will be paid to the parent/guardian unless indicated on the application form that you wish it to be paid to the school. If payment to the parent/guardian is requested the payment will be deposited into the parent/guardian bank account. It can between take between 8 to 12 weeks to receive this payment.

PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS
Once the form is completed by the parent/guardian, the school will forward either the electronic file (via email) to the Schools Resourcing and Support Directorate for processing whilst retaining the original form at the school or if completing applications manually, forward the original forms retaining a photocopy for the school records.

If you change any of your details supplied on the application form, please notify us as soon as possible on 9264 4516.

We will endeavour to have all clothing payments made to the parent/guardian by 31 May 2017.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Schools Resourcing and Support Directorate
Department of Education
151 Royal Street
EAST PERTH WA 6004
Telephone: (08) 9264 4516
E-mail: student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au
The following students have been appointed to the Student Council for 2017:

**REPRESENTING YEAR 8**
Jessica Firth and Aimee Gleeson

**REPRESENTING YEAR 9**
Natasha Amy, Svetlana Chevenkova, Breeze Clements and Max Price

**REPRESENTING YEAR 10**
Brooke Crane, Dominic Duncan and Zane Gazey

**REPRESENTING YEAR 11**
Akasha Carstairs, Nelie May George, Ashlinn Gilmore, Ben Luplau and Stephen Shallcross

**REPRESENTING YEAR 12**
Lenny Bright, Dawson Caldwell, Jaiden Price, Kai Schenk and Lauren Styles-Lambert

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2017**
Lauren Styles-Lambert - Captain
Dawson Caldwell - Vice Captain

Congratulations to all the newly appointed Student Councillors. I look forward to working with you in 2017.

HEATHER BROADWAY
Student Councillor Coordinator
Parent/Teacher Evening booking instructions ...

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from 3.30pm to 6.30pm on Wednesday 15 March for Years 7, 11 and 12.

The school uses an online teacher and parent booking system and parents can book interviews at times that suit them. Letters will be posted with instructions on how to process, together with your unique access code. If you have not received your instruction letter by Tuesday 8 March please contact the school.

**BOOKINGS WILL BE OPEN FROM THURSDAY 9 MARCH AT 4PM AND CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH AT 12 NOON**

Parents who do not have access to the internet can contact the school office for assistance in booking places on 9408 8000.

Parents can return to the website at any time to amend or cancel interviews, until bookings close. Please note that timeslots are limited and interviews are strictly 7 minutes. If you require more time please contact the teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and simply enter the code **mwcw4** and press “Go”

1. Enter your details
2. Select the subject and teachers you wish to see
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click **FINISH** your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately - **CHECK YOUR JUNK MAIL FOLDER** AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.
WAAPA Graduate Meets Belridge Dancers

The Year 11 and 12 Dance class are lucky enough to participate in lessons in the coming weeks with a guest teacher. Alexander Perrozzi is a WAAPA Graduate who is a choreographer and dancer in Perth, and he is taking the class through Contemporary Dance Workshops for the next 4 weeks. It is a fantastic opportunity to have our students learn from a professional dancer and choreographer. Alex is teaching the students new skills, new ways of thinking, and techniques that can be used in their own choreography and future exams. We are very grateful for having Alex come and work with our students and we look forward to having future opportunities to extend our skills and knowledge throughout the year.

MISS CURRIE
Dance Teacher

Mathematics Learning Area

I am extremely pleased to say that it has been a smooth start to the new school year. Also, it is a great privilege to be part of the hard working Belridge Secondary College Mathematics Department.

By now parents should have received their child’s Mathematics Program and the Course Outline. Also, the teachers are in the process of contacting parents to introduce themselves. Parents can access their child’s Mathematics Programs, copies of some of the relevant lower school textbook chapters, as well as weekly homework exercises through ‘Connect’.

In 2017, Belridge Secondary College will be offering two Mathematics pathways to students from Years 7 to 9 in Semester One. The two pathways are ATAR and VET/Non-ATAR pathways.

Students in Year 10 will also be offered two pathways (ATAR and VET/Non-ATAR), however ATAR1 will consist predominately of the current AEP students. This class will have a differentiated Mathematics curriculum, Australian Curriculum 10A, providing students with required knowledge for Mathematics Specialist and/or Mathematics Methods. All other ATAR pathway students will be presented mathematics content required for Mathematics Applications. Through this we aim to develop the required numeracy skills whilst promoting understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s progress in Mathematics, please contact either your child’s Mathematics teacher or myself. We look forward to working with you in 2017 to ensure your child achieves personal excellence in all endeavours.

MR K TENNAKOON
HOLA Mathematics

E: Kasun.Tennakoon@education.wa.edu.au
Exciting Times for Extension

At Belridge Secondary College, we have a vision which aims to develop a school community which encourages personal, social and environmental growth. The school is committed to providing a caring and supportive environment that challenges students to achieve personal excellence in all endeavours and to be active citizens of the local and global community. To ensure continued success for all students, we reassess current practices and procedures in line with best practice. Presently, our Academic Extension Program is under review with a new clear vision, inclusive of all students.

As a result of this fluid process, changes will be implemented over the foreseeable future, which address the unique needs and characteristics of talented students, to create a stimulating educational environment, which meet the distinct educational requirements to foster life-long learning. The major overhaul of the Academic Extension Program will be visible from the start of 2017 with the removal of the title AEP. Students requiring modifications to curriculum delivery and content will be identified through a range of methods to identify their capacity to learn, through nationally normed assessments, rather than achievement of work to which they have been previously exposed. A distinct class grouping students in Years 7 – 9 based on learning aptitude and styles, as opposed to purely test marks, will create a supportive educational environment whereby students will learn at their pace, with like-minded peers, with the capacity for success at all levels of achievement. That is, there may be students demonstrating work at each grade level within the one class, however student learning will continue to grow.

Students within this group will be exposed to: critical thinking; open-ended questions; problem solving; guest speakers; state, national and international competitions; incursions and excursions as well as enrichment activities designed to meet the learning capabilities of these students. At times, students may be invited from other classes and/or year groups, to participate in some of these enrichment activities.

Providing a safe and nurturing learning environment, monitoring student well-being while providing a differentiated curriculum through content processes and learning environment, has proven to be successful with our students. Thank you for your continued support of our young people at Belridge SC and please trust us to enhance the learning of all students, at all levels on the education spectrum.

Many thanks

GLYNNE BARTLE
Academic Extension Coordinator
ADWPL – Authority Developed Workplace Learning

At the end of each Semester, our Year 11 and 12 VET students undertake a 55 hour block of ADWPL, a SCSA endorsed program providing students with the opportunity to gain WACE credits. The Year 11 students, and any Year 12 students new to the school, will attend an ADWPL Induction program to prepare for their work placements. This program will ensure the students are ‘workplace ready’, by covering workplace and employer expectations and workplace safety awareness. A guest speaker, Ms Natalie Montgomerie, will present a workshop on Employability Skills.

Take Note: Dates for the Semester 1 ADWPL block are 29 May to 9 June - Weeks 6 and 7 of Term 2.

We encourage students to find host employers in industry areas matching their career aspirations. It is a good idea to commence the process of locating a suitable work placement as soon as possible especially as securing a placement can be quite competitive. We would be very grateful to hear from any employers within our school community who are in a position to offer the opportunity of work experience to our students.

TAFE Courses – One Day Per Week

During third term last year, many Year 10 and 11 students applied for places in a variety of TAFE Profile courses that will operate this year. Profile courses are Government funded and are run at the various North and South Metropolitan TAFE campuses for students in Years 11 and 12. Students enrolled in a Profile course attend the TAFE campus one day per week and gain WACE credit upon completion.

Entry to Profile courses is competitive and many students attended an interview to confirm their place. Successful students will participate in courses such as Events Management, Tourism, Health Services Assistance, Individual Support (Disability), Electrotechnology, Plumbing & Gas Fitting, Building & Construction, Engineering Pathways and Commercial Cookery. Many of these courses are not run at Belridge Secondary College and the students respond well to learning in an adult environment.
French Learning Area

Bonjour à tous. Je m'appelle Mme Westphal et je suis le professeur de Français. My name is Mrs Westphal and I’m the French teacher.

C’est un superbe début en Français pour les Années 7 (Yr 7). The students have been keen to participate and join in all the class activities such as watching French songs, drawing, writing and practising greetings.

Merci pour votre superbe effort.

STEPHANIE WESTPHAL
French Teacher

Design & Technology - Automotive

The Belridge Secondary College Automotive students are on the look out for any late model vehicles or complete engines to be used for demonstration purposes as part of the Automotive program.

Just a reminder ... The French Film Festival is being held from 15 March to 5 April at Cinema Paradiso or Luna. To view the full selection of films, schedule & ticketing information and the festival trailer, visit the official site:

http://www.frenchfilmfestival.org

Reading Club is back up and running this year and will be meeting on Thursday lunchtimes in E4

Students from all years who enjoy reading are encouraged to bring along their lunch to discuss what they’ve read, get suggestions for other reading materials, make friends, have fun, read and compete in friendly competitions. Students can join at any time and are welcome to come check it out. We hope to see some familiar faces back this year, along with some new ones!
Approved Specialist Program in Cricket

Cricket skills testing day

Parents with children in Year 6 are invited to apply for our 2018 Approved Specialist Program in Cricket.

**CHOOSE CRICKET AS A FULL-TIME SUBJECT**

Closing date for applications
Friday 31 March 2017

Testing Venue: WACA
Monday 3 April 2017 at 9:30am

For more information or to request an application form and trial pack, email Scott Ogilvie (Cricket Coordinator) at scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au

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**Homework Club**

As from Monday 20 February, and every Monday thereafter, Homework Club will be held in the **Library** from **3.05pm to 4.30pm**. Students are encouraged to attend to make use of school resources and seek teacher assistance.
ICT Services Overview

**BSC Network Account**

Log on to school network for:
- Internet
- Printing*
- Network home folder (storage)
- Shared drive access

**Destiny (Library account)**

Access library resources onsite and at home to:
- Search library catalogue
- Place books on hold
- Access public search lists (for assignment work)
- Access Pathfinder documents (for assignment work)
- Access audio-visual resources

Destiny can be accessed at home on a desktop computer at the following web address: [http://library.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au](http://library.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au)

Connect to your library via tablet or smartphone using the "Destiny Quest" app available in the App store or on Google Play

**Clickview Account**

Access our schools (and the Clickview catalogue) video collection onsite and at home. Clickview can be accessed at home on a desktop computer at the following web address: [http://clickview.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au](http://clickview.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au)

(Use your school network account details to log-in)

**YourTutor account**


**Connect Account for Parents**

- Monitor your child’s workload and progress
- Communicate with teachers

**Connect Account for Students**

- Access classwork and resource material
- Submit assignments
- Online calendar for planning and organisation
- School email account

**BYOD Service**

If your child prefers to use their own tablet or laptop computer for study/classwork, they can connect to our Wireless network. Access includes:
- Internet
- Printing*

**School Webpage**

This is your “one-stop-shop” for information about our school. The webpage is updated on a regular basis and contains:
- School calendar
- News and events notices
- Newsletter (publications)
- Service information (student services/ICT etc.)
- Forms and policy information

**BSC Mobile Phone app**

Keep up to date with calendar, notices and much more with our free school app.

Available for iPhone, Android and HTML5 phones.

All accounts and services listed above are provided to parents/students free of charge

(*Printing - print consumables are charged at a nominal rate)

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Cassidy on 9408 8023 or email: Elizabeth.cassidy@education.wa.edu.au
A huge thank you from Mission Australia


The campaign was well supported by staff, students and parents and as a result we accumulated gifts for families finding themselves homeless, lonely and/or disadvantaged on Christmas Day. Mission Australia held a Christmas Lunch in the Park in which people came together to enjoy support and companionship over a delicious meal. This year Mission Australia catered for over 2000 people, providing them with Christmas lunch, talented local entertainment, sports, craft activities and a petting zoo. Thousands of gifts were provided for attendees of all ages, resulting in a day full of community support.

We look forward to supporting this worthy cause again next year.

NICOLA HARRIS
PA to Principal

We are now accepting applications for the Secondary Assistance Scheme. Applications will only be accepted with one of the cards, as detailed below.

Canteen online orders
Register now and beat the queues!

Don’t forget to sign up to our online canteen ordering system to place your child’s orders for recess or lunch.

The canteen has introduced an Extra Counter and Express Line for orders placed before school or online. Go to:

http://www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au/StudentServices/Canteen.aspx
To enable us to keep you up to date with newsletters, important communications and events please ensure that the school has your most recent email address and contact information. You can do this by updating your details via email to:-

school@belridgecollege.wa.edu.au

Please state your child’s name and year group in the subject heading

or alternatively telephone the school office on 9408 8000

Student Absence Line:

Tel: 9408 8063 - Years 7, 8 and 9 (Middle School)
Tel: 9408 8058 - Years 10, 11 and 12 (Senior School)
SMS: 0400 20924

You can also contact us or notify of absences quickly and conveniently via the Belridge Secondary College app
DOWNLOAD TODAY - FREE OF CHARGE

Email: school@belridgecollege.wa.edu.au
School Board: schoolboard@belridgecollege.wa.edu.au
Website: www.belridgecollege.wa.edu.au

College Board:

Should you have any suggestions, issues or questions you wish to raise with the Board please contact

Nicola Harris on 9408 8002 or
Email: schoolboard@belridgecollege.wa.edu.au
Welcome back for 2017 to our entire school community; students, parents, guardians and staff.

I trust that everybody had a safe and relaxing school holiday break and are ready and raring to go for the year ahead. A special welcome to all of our new students, families and staff who have joined us this year. I know that you will enjoy your time with us here at Belridge Secondary Education Support Centre. This year we have students who have joined us from a range of different schools in Years 7 and they are to be congratulated on the way that they have seamlessly settled into the routines of a Secondary School environment. Well done one and all! The ease with which our students have settled in is a tribute to the quality of the transition program here at Belridge Secondary ESC that enables our incoming students to be more confident in attending a secondary school environment.

I have had many positive comments from parents who are just delighted at their child’s positive approach to attending school on a daily basis. All Year 7 parents will be asked to participate in a brief Year 7 Transition Survey which will help us to inform future planning. We also welcome a number of new staff to our school and I am sure that you will find being a part of the team here at Belridge Secondary ESC and working with our students to be extremely rewarding and enjoyable!

**Dates for Your Diary**

As usual, Term 1 is always extremely busy and this term is no exception with a number of public holidays (including the Easter break) and special events already planned. Please make note of the dates that are highlighted in this newsletter. Our first School Development Day is scheduled for Friday 3 March. A Parent evening will be held on Thursday 16 March in Week 7 from 6.00pm until 7.30pm and we hope that you can join us. Parents are invited to join us outside ESC 1 and 2 where we shall be having some light finger foods and refreshments from 6.00pm until approximately 6.30pm. Following this the classrooms shall be open until approximately 7.30pm. Further information will be sent home closer to the date.

Every semester parents are invited to meet with their child’s teacher to prioritise and determine Individual goals for our students. These meetings have a ready begun and our teaching staff are all looking forward to meeting with you at this time as this is a valued opportunity to collectively plan with parents as partners in education. As these meetings have already begun quite early in the year these meetings will be an ideal opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and develop an awareness of class programs and structures. IEP’s with formalised outcomes will be sent home for parents to review.

**School Bus**

We have many students who access the School Bus Service which is operated by the Public Transport Authority. Parents/carers are reminded to please inform your bus driver if their child is absent, has an appointment or are not using the bus on any particular day. Please also inform the school of any changes to avoid any confusion. The bus service is at a premium and it is necessary for students to be prompt when being collected as any delays impact on all other students on the bus.

**Parking Etiquette**

Parents are also reminded that the gated car park at the front of the school is not for the collection and drop off of students. This is an Occupational Health and Safety requirement and only students who are eligible for ACROD parking are able to access this car park. Please be mindful of the need to be vigilant and patient when collecting your child due to the increased number of students on our site.

**School Ball**

Our Year 12 students continue to look forward to their School Ball on Friday 31 March at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Perth. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to get into formal attire and celebrate their years of formal schooling - this is always a very special evening and is enjoyed by both students and staff and is always a highly anticipated event by all students at Belridge!

**Upgraded Administration Block**

Our new Administration area is completed and we ask that you please be patient as we undertake the move into our brand new office space in Week 4 which is located to the right of the Secondary College Administration at the front of the school. I look forward to working alongside you all to continue to provide an exceptional educational environment for your child here at Belridge Secondary ESC in 2017. Once again congratulations to all students on the mature manner in which they have settled into the new school year and we all look forward to an extremely positive year ahead.

Kind regards,

JENINE WALL
Principal