



Bacchus Marsh
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Woodlea Campus – Year 8
Term 2 Newsletter

Dear **Parents/Guardians**,

We congratulate all students on a fantastic start to Term 2. We hope everyone had an enjoyable break and that your child is ready for a busy and productive Term Two. I would like to thank all students and staff for creating a positive and supportive environment in the Year 8 community.

Our primary focus at Bacchus Marsh Grammar remains the development and delivery of a robust academic program that meets the needs of our students and the expectations of our broader community. The key learning areas of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics remain our priority and will continue to drive our work this year.

Our core curriculum areas will continue to be supported by a broad range of specialist classes and co-curricular opportunities. We remain proud of the diversity of our curriculum and the support we enjoy from our students, teachers, and parents in delivering these programs.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we are constantly striving to meet the needs of each of our students as individuals. We recognise that each of your children has their strengths and face their own challenges within the school curriculum. The school offers a wide variety of academic and non-academic opportunities to allow each child to develop their strengths and shine as individuals.

Students will be encouraged to engage with concepts in a range of forms that will allow them to develop fluency, efficiency, and understanding through skills-based, problem-based, and real-world scenarios.

The implementation of the **(STAR) – Student's teachers all reading program** or commonly known as the **Independent Reading Program (IRP)** continues to be a success. This program continues to strengthen your child's vocabulary and language with 15 minutes of independent reading each day.

School Diary

As assessments and semester exams are fast approaching, it is imperative students make use of their diaries frequently and thoroughly in preparation for this. Organization and time management are challenging for many students, especially regarding homework and extra-curricular activities. A diary is an effective tool for managing this and an important communication tool between parents and teachers.

Uniform

In Term Two, students must wear their full winter uniform. All uniform requirements are outlined in the student diaries. If a student is in the incorrect uniform, a note must be provided in the diary. Otherwise, a Uniform Breach Notice will be issued if this is a reoccurring issue. If a student receives three notices, they will be issued with an after-school detention.



Homework

In Year 8, students are expected to complete around 80 minutes of homework each school night. This homework is set to help students consolidate the skills they have learned in their classes throughout the week. Homework is completed on a nightly basis and in most cases, is submitted to the student's classroom teacher at their discretion.

We are aware students have other commitments after school. Therefore, if your child is unable to complete their homework a note must be provided in their diary. Further time can be provided to complete the set homework. A student will receive a red stamp if there is no note. If three red stamps in a term are received, a student will receive a failure to submit work detention. Please be aware that we expect students to be responsible for their homework. If students are unable to submit their homework due to their books being left at school, it will be deemed incomplete. If, at any time, you have concerns that your child is experiencing difficulties with the level or quantity of homework set, do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor group teacher.

Program Kaizen

The launch of Woodlea's program – Kaizen will take place on Thursday the 12th of May from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This program is new to the Bacchus Marsh Woodlea campus and offered to Year 9 students in 2023. It is a bespoke program that will be offered to all students, offering different pathways whereby each student can select a pathway that aligns most with their career pathway. At Bacchus Marsh Grammar we believe in delivering a high-quality education that is inclusive to all.

Important Dates

Tuesday 17 May	School Photos
Tuesday 24 May	House Athletics Carnival (selected students)
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
Monday 6 June – Friday 10 June	Exams
Friday 17 June	End of Term Two

Year Eight Middle School Tutor Group Teachers for 2022:

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to discuss them with your tutor group teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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