



BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2017. Our College has achieved a great deal in 2017, and continues on an improvement profile that has been established over many years.

Our Year 7's for 2018 visited our school last week and had a terrific day. I spoke with them in the morning about establishing their "brand" for their time at the College, through their behaviour and willingness to work in a positive, collaborative way with staff and students. Congratulations should go to all students, parents and our Belridge SC staff, (particularly Ms Trinke, the 2018 Year 7 Year Coordinator), for the way they have commenced their Belridge journey and they are well on the way to establishing a positive reputation.

As we conclude the school year, I think that it is important to reflect on our collective achievements. In a general sense, the highlights of the year have included:

- Our strong improvement in academic performance compared to all WA Public Schools;
- The significant increase in Year 7 enrolment for 2017;
- Our application for WA Secondary School of The Year;
- Our focus on improving classroom practice;
- The retention and attraction of skilled, specialised staff;
- The ongoing success of students in our specialist programs in Cricket and Netball; and
- The ongoing growth and national success of our Fashion & Design, Music, Drama and Arts program, and the development of the Belridge Dance Academy.

Our task for 2018 will be to continue this improvement trend. Other challenges exist: Our writing data presents an opportunity for enhancement, and we will need to develop opportunities to further engage students who experience difficulty engaging in a comprehensive secondary context.

Our commitment as a school is to continue to improve and to confirm Belridge SC as *the* school of choice for the local community.

In closing, I would like to wish students, parents and staff all the best for Christmas and the holiday break. I would like to sincerely thank all of those that have assisted students throughout their journey at Belridge SC this year for their efforts. They have made significant contributions to the lives of these young people.

We look forward to 2018 as an opportunity to continue the improvement narrative for Belridge SC. I hope that your 2017 has been fulfilling, and that the New Year greets you with optimism.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

John Burke
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



PRINTABLE
CALENDAR FOR
EACH TERM IS
AVAILABLE TO
DOWNLOAD FROM
THE WEBSITE OR VIA
THE SCHOOL APP

All students commence Term 1, 2018 on Wednesday 31 January

Printable calendar for Term 1 will be uploaded on the school website late January 2018

2018 TERM DATES

TERM 1

Wednesday 31 January to Friday 13 April

School Holidays

Saturday 14 April to Sunday 29 April

TERM 2

Monday 30 April to Friday 29 June

School Holidays

Saturday 30 June to Sunday 15 July

TERM 3

Monday 16 July to Friday 21 September

School Holidays

Saturday 22 September to Sunday 7 October

TERM 4

Monday 8 October to Thursday 13 December

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2018

The College professional learning days in 2018 are:

Friday 2 March

Friday 1 June

Monday 20 August

Vice Principal News - Years 7, 8 and 9

The school year always comes to an extremely quick end. It feels like not so long ago we were welcoming the Year 7 students into the school community. I hope that all students have had a successful year, both academically and socially, and have contributed to our school community in some capacity.

The College conducted a successful Year 6 Orientation day on Tuesday 5 December. Over 180 students enjoyed a "taste" of a high school timetable. Students participated in Science, Home Economics, Information Technology, Design & Technology, Arts and Physical Education activities. The students were also treated to a fantastic performance conducted by our Performing Arts students. The Student Services Team also ran the students through a range of activities. The parents enjoyed a tour of the school and viewed the state of the art facilities that we enjoy. A huge thank you goes to Petra Trinke (Year 7 Coordinator, 2018) for her planning and preparation. Many positive comments were received from both parents and students.

Reports

Year 7 – 10 school reports will be emailed on Tuesday 12 December. I urge parents and students to review the reports together and have an honest discussion in the setting of realistic goals of achievement or improvement for 2018. Attendance rates impact directly on student performance. The College promotes a minimum acceptable attendance rate of 90%. Attendance rates below 90% places student performance in jeopardy. Students should only be absent from school if they are sick or have medical appointments.



Immunisations

Thank you to the parents/ caregivers who have returned the immunisation (Years 8 & 10, 2018) permission forms. Year 8 – Pertussis, Tetanus, Diphtheria, HPV and Year 10 – Meningococcal. These have all been collected by the City of Joondalup. If you didn't return your child's form you can take it directly to the City of Joondalup. The City of Joondalup encourage all students to be vaccinated through the school program, however, should a parent wish their child to be vaccinated privately, they can go to their GP or to an immunisation clinic at the Joondalup Library. Clinics are held on a Tuesday. Appointments are necessary and can be arranged by calling 9400 4938.

Finally, I wish the College community a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Mario Pisano

Vice Principal - Middle School

Class Changes Years 7 - 10

As part of our ongoing review processes in Term 4, staff have reviewed student placements in classes for the commencement of the 2018 school year. In some cases it appears that there are some class changes that might benefit individual student academic and social achievement.

As a result, some students have been moved from their previous class grouping to another. These changes will affect a small number of students.

Changes have commenced and will be finalised for Week 1 Term 1 2018.

Please contact the school on 9408 8000 if you have any concerns.

John Burke

Principal

Vice Principal News - Years 10, 11 and 12

Year 12 students had their final WACE exam on Wednesday 15 November.

It is the fifth time our students have sat their exams at Mater Dei and again we took precautions to make sure students were familiar with the environment. Hal Spedding and myself took students to Mater Dei before the exams. There, they were given a tour of the school, shown the exam room, toilets and so on. We also had a Belridge staff member present at the start of each exam with spare equipment and identification forms. The whole exercise went very smoothly. I now wish all our Year 12's the best in their future endeavours.

Special exam arrangements for Year 12 in 2018

Students in Year 12, 2018 and their parents need to read this information carefully ...

Candidates who have a permanent or temporary disability, illness and/or specific learning disability that could disadvantage them in demonstrating their knowledge, skills and understandings in standard assessments may apply to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority to sit WACE examinations under special arrangements. Applications can be made for the **written** and/or **practical** examinations. Applications must be made by the school. The Authority will notify the school and candidate of the decision.

The granting of special examination arrangements is not automatic, but takes into account medical and/or psychometric evidence plus supporting school-based information related to the candidate's ability to access the examination. The role of special examination arrangements is to provide reasonable access to an examination. Schools should ensure that they have placed on record all current medical/psychological documents that relate to their decision to trial special arrangements for the student. Each application is considered individually, with decisions based on the nature of each examination to be sat by the candidate.

There are five sections:

- Section A Student details - to be completed by student
- Section B Provisions requested - to be completed by the school and the student
- Section C School case coordination - to be completed by the school and the student
- Section D Supporting information - relevant sections to be completed by the school, psychologist, occupational therapist
- Section E Medical evidence - to be completed by a medical practitioner/registered health professional (if applicable)
- Section F Student's declaration and principal's declaration - **to be completed by all applicants.**

PROVIDING EVIDENCE FOR SECTIONS D and E IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT AND PARENT.

Closing date for applications is 5 May 2018, but the process is long and complicated and needs to be started early in Term 1. If you think your son or daughter is eligible please contact me at the school on 9408 8000.

Year 11

The Year 11 students have also completed their final exams and work placements. On their final day, Monday 23 November, students returned to school to hand in their Workplace Learning logbooks and go through their exams with their teachers. Also, students that were not up to date in their certificate subjects were sent letters to return to school to catch up.

Years 10 and 11 OLNAs

Students moving into Years 11 and 12 and who have not yet achieved OLNAs should take some time over the break to prepare for the March round of OLNAs. Students have been given passwords to get on to a OLNAs help website.

2018 Years 11 and 12

Wednesdays Period 5 Arrangements

It is a timely reminder for the parents of all Year 11 and 12 students that Wednesday period 5 is an important period on the timetable and that students should not make arrangements to use the period for non-school activities, such as work.

Year 12 ATAR students will be required every Wednesday period 5 and all other Senior School students will need to attend where meetings and information-giving sessions are organised. Also, students in Years 11 and 12 that do not meet deadlines for assessments, or are not up to date with their certificate courses, will be required to attend period 5 Wednesday until they complete this work. Mr Strickland will contact parents of students behind in their courses and Mr Notarpietro will do the same for certificate students. Failure to attend when required may result in loss of good standing.

Finally, I hope all Year 10 and 11 students have a good break and return refreshed for a great 2018.

... one Final Message

May I request that staff, parents and students be careful on the roads around the college. Students need to be extra careful whilst crossing the road when using mobile phones and need to remember to look right, then left and then right again. **Students need to take extra care crossing the exit from the main school car park as they are obscured from the vision of drivers by a solid wall and also when crossing Ocean Reef Road, where the speed limit is 70kph. The safest option is using the lights or crossing attendants.**

ROBERT STRICKLAND
Vice Principal - Senior School

Manager of Corporate Services

The school year for 2017 is coming to an end and before long, it will be the start of 2018.

Throughout the year we have had a fairly good response from parents for requests to pay and finalise your child's charges and contributions, and for this, we thank you very much.

Those parents who are still on time payment plans, or have yet to pay outstanding amounts, please do so immediately.

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

Book Lists 2018

This year the books lists for 2018 will be run again by OfficeMax via an online ordering system. You can opt to have your orders delivered to your home or collect from store. **Please note that orders will not be delivered to the school.** See page 12 with details on how to order.

Details of how to order are set out on students' booklists which have now been mailed, together with contribution and charges sheets.

As from Wednesday 24 January 2018 the Front Admin Office will be accepting school charges and contribution payments, as well as processing Secondary Assistance Scheme applications.

Charges & Contributions

You will have now received your charges and contribution sheets for 2018.

Please look carefully at the course selections, particularly the elective subjects that have a high cost, and if you are in doubt about the final cost contact the school to discuss.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a 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.

Eligibility Criteria

The Parent/Guardian must hold one the following cards:

- Centrelink **Family** Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (blue card)

The Parent/Guardian must be the holder of a card that is valid sometime during the first term. The *only* exception to this is when a student holds their own health care 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.

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.

Application Forms

Application forms are to be completed only during Term 1 at the school and close on Friday 13 April 2018.

Office hours are between 8.00am and 4.00pm. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

GREG CAREY
Manager of Corporate Services

Associate Principal

Unique Student Identifiers (USI)

All students undertaking VET Certificate courses (Years 10 -12 in 2018) are required to obtain a USI. We will not be able to enrol students without USIs into 2018 VET Certificate courses. The RTOs we partner with require these as a condition of accepting student enrolments. If your son/daughter has selected any VET certificate courses for 2018, please ensure the College has a record of your son or daughter's USI by the close of this school year.

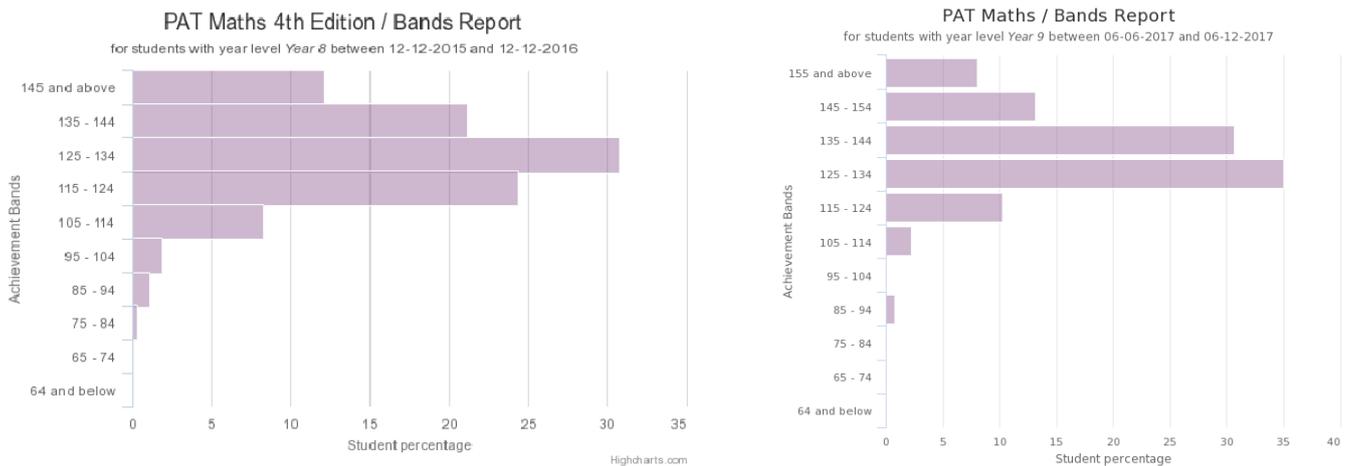
Please use the Commonwealth Government's www.usi.gov.au link to create and save your USI. It has clear, easy to follow instructions.

Planning with ACER Progressive Achievement Tests

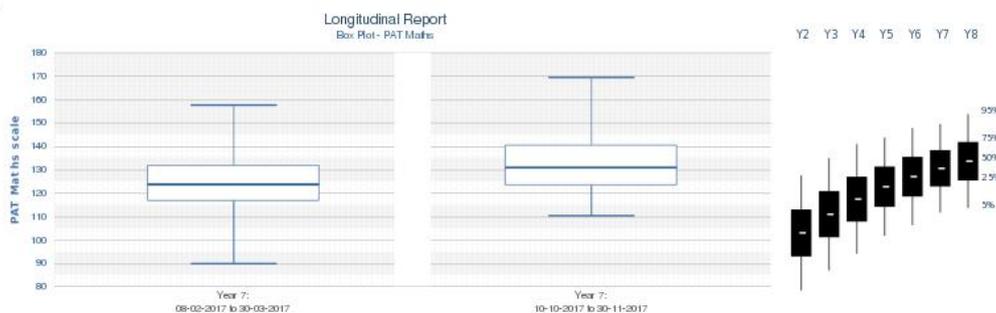
We have been using the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) online standardised tests to monitor student growth over time, and to help validate teacher judgements in English and Mathematics.

As an example, our 2016 Year 8 Maths students (left) show clear progression as 2017 Year 9 students, as they move through the PAT Achievement Bands. These achievement bands guide teachers in selecting and delivering developmentally appropriate curriculum, examine individual and group performance and to make comparisons between different class groups.

Achievement Band profile 2016 / Year 8 to 2017 Year 9



Semester 1 vs. Semester 2 PAT – Mathematics class distribution 7MAT_6



CARLOS NOTARPIETRO

Student Services

As another year comes to a close, the Student Services team had the opportunity to spend an entire day reflecting on the successes of 2017 and planning for 2018 at our recent planning day. Some positives of 2017 include:

- ✓ Our amazing Student Services team working with our students holistically;
- ✓ Harmony Day in Term One;
- ✓ The BIG Project for Year 7 in Term Two;
- ✓ The C8 Camp for Year 8 in Term 2;
- ✓ Reconciliation Week in Term Two;
- ✓ Wear It Purple Day ;
- ✓ Project Rockit –Cyber Safety;
- ✓ The Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo;
- ✓ The Triple P Parenting program;
- ✓ Andy Ryall (Chaplain) and his Year 7 Boys Club;
- ✓ A very successful Year 6 Transition.

These are just a few of the positive initiatives which have been running in the school to develop a positive, inclusive, safe environment for our students.



I'm very excited to announce that the Peer Support Program will be introduced next year. A number of our current Year 9 students have applied to become Peer Leaders. These students will be involved in a two day training workshop in the last week of this term. Next year, these students will meet with Year 7 form classes to work through a range of activities that focus on building connections and addressing a range of behaviours, including the prevention of bullying. Meeting in small groups allows meaningful connections to form, assisting students with the transition to secondary school. Over a period of eight sessions, students will acknowledge their strengths and learn skills to build resilience, identify how to develop, maintain and repair friendships, develop understanding of a range of behaviours including bullying, and learn strategies in order to respond appropriately in a variety of situations.

Next year, there will be a focus with our Year Coordinators on further positive incentives to encourage our students to be the best they can be. Students who have 90% attendance and no negative behaviours will be invited to be involved in a range of reward activities, which will link in with

Good Standing. All students will begin next year with Good Standing. Students will only lose their Good Standing if there are unexplained absences which put them below 90% attendance or they are involved in a significant negative interaction. Good Standing is reviewed every 10 weeks.

Attendance

Attendance is paramount. Belridge Secondary College requires your child to attend school every day possible. If that is not possible, a reasonable explanation must be supplied in writing, via phone call or as a return text message to our SMS service. I urge you and your child to think about whether the time off is imperative, as just 6 days of absence in an average school term will result in your child falling below the 90% attendance benchmark. (See page 23 for contact details).

With the warm weather now well and truly upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students about our school uniform. Students should arrive and leave wearing their school shirt (navy blue with red piping for Middle School or navy blue with white piping for Senior School) and navy blue shorts, skirts or track pants. Jeans, leggings, short-shorts or any other item of clothing not in keeping with the school's uniform policy (of modesty) will not be allowed. Please remember that the predominantly red coloured shirt may only be worn for Physical Education lessons and should not be worn to or from school. Should a student arrive at school wearing any item of clothing deemed not in keeping with our uniform policy, the Student Services team are resourced to have the student wearing the correct uniform which they may borrow for the day.

Uniform Donations

On the subject of uniforms, the Student Services team is always willing to accept donations of school uniforms that no longer fit or are no longer needed. Year 9's moving to Senior School or graduating Year 12's may wish to donate their unwanted uniforms. If you'd like to donate any items, please feel free to drop them to the front office.

On behalf of the Student Services Team I'd like to wish you a safe and happy Christmas break.

**Bridgid Lafferty - Head of Middle School
and Hal Spedding - Head of Senior School
Student Services**

Shop your requirements list with OfficeMax

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Booklists, together with contribution and charge sheets, have now been mailed out and uploaded onto the school website. Orders can be placed through OfficeMax either in store or online. See your booklists for ORDER DEADLINES and DELIVERY INFORMATION.

The school's password to enable you to place your online order is **W4XM9M**

IMPORTANT NOTES

You only need to purchase stationery requirements for the subjects that are listed on your child's Charges and Contributions sheet, i.e. if your child's Charges and Contributions sheet does not list Music, you do not need to purchase the items on the Booklist required for Music. If your child's Charges and Contributions sheet does not list Fashion & Design, you do not need to purchase the items on the Booklist required for Fashion & Design.

Textbooks only need to be purchased for **Senior School students**. Textbooks for Middle School students are supplied by the college.

If you have paid an amount in advance for 2018 school charges, the details of the payment will be noted on your Charges and Contributions sheet and the amount will be deducted from the total.

UNIFORMCONCEPTS

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Uniform Fittings

All new and existing students are encouraged to make an appointment with the uniform shop for a fitting from **Monday 2 October to Saturday 16 December**, thus avoiding long queues in January. Appointments can be made by logging onto www.appts-jnp.acuityscheduling.com. Alternatively, you can contact the uniform shop on **9270 4660**. Please note the most popular times for appointments are after 3pm weekdays and Saturday mornings, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Why not take advantage of our \$20 Layby service? Visit our store and secure your Back to School uniform order with just a \$20 deposit before 16 December, pay off the balance and collect your order before 20 January to avoid the rush, long queues and last minute panic!

Our store is open 6 days a week providing greater accessibility to the uniform and convenience to the school community.

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am - 5pm
- Thursdays 9am - 6pm
- Saturdays 9am - 1pm

Introducing Savvy, our Library Reading Dog

So why have a Reading Dog in the Library?

Reading Dogs have become popular around the world as a way of calming children and motivating them to read out loud in a safe and secure environment. Savvy has passed her Animal Companion Certificate from Kalmpets in Balcatta to be able to help our students. Savvy had to pass a number of tests to see how she reacted to different situations which may occur at school. Savvy of course, passed with flying colours.

Savvy belongs to Jodie Grieves, our Photography Teacher. She is a nine year old Malamute, with a very gentle nature. Savvy is very popular with our students, who love to pat her. Savvy has started to work with the Year 7 English class of Ms Sylvia Henley and the Year 8 English class of Mrs Suzanne Manning. Hopefully in 2018, more classes can join our program.



Pictured left to right
Hayley Boswell, Caleb Rodrigues, Derren Granger
with Savvy in the middle

For more information about Reading Dogs and how they help students at school with their reading, please refer to the following article <http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/how-dogs-could-make-children-better-readers-a7645616.html>

Mrs Lisa Manning
Teacher Librarian

Cadets

If you want to experience things you don't do in everyday life, then the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) is for you. The AAC is a community based youth development organisation focused on the Australian Army customs, traditions and values. As a cadet you'll learn leadership, team building and survival skills that will set you up for life.

Australian Army Cadets

507 Army Cadet Unit
Belridge Secondary College
Contact: Captain (AAC) David Whelan
Tel : 0451 494 799
E Mail : 507ACU@armycadets.gov.au
Friday 1845HRS – 2200 HRS
(During Term Time)
www.armycadets.gov.au

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scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au

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Approved Specialist Program in **CRICKET**

Cricket Skills Testing Day

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WACA

Parents with children in Year 6 are invited to apply for our 2019 Approved Specialist Program in Cricket.

**Closing date for applications:
Wednesday 4th April 2018**

**Testing venue: WACA
Friday 6th April 2018 9:30am**



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Year 8 Narrogin Cricket Camp



On the 20th November the Year 8 cricket class travelled to Narrogin to play a series of games against Kent Street Senior High School, John Forrest Secondary College and Baldivis Secondary College.

The first game was a 50 over game against Kent Street and took place in Williams. Belridge was sent into bowl first and Kent Street made 225. **Ethan Cherry** batted extremely well from the first ball and put the Belridge boys into a commanding position. Helped along by **Jack Maraldo** and **Cooper Connolly**, the day belonged to Ethan, who went on to carry his bat and finished not out on 118 and lead Belridge to its first win.

The second game was held at Narrogin Senior High School against John Forrest Secondary College. Belridge elected to bat and **Cooper Connolly** continued his terrific run of form to make 123, supported by **Keegan Klumper** and **Jayden Rae**. Belridge finished on 211 from the 50 overs. **Chris Roberts** shone with the ball, picking up a couple of important wickets and hardly going for any runs. **Jack Maraldo** also bowled well, picking up 3 wickets. This game was an absolute cliff hanger, coming down to the last ball, with John Forrest needing 2 runs to win and 1 run to draw. John Forrest managed 1 run and the game finished in a draw.



The final game was a T20 against Baldivis Secondary College. Belridge won the toss and batted first. **Riley Sprigg**, **Xavier Cunnane**, **Ryan Koertzen** and **Jayden Rae** all batted well and helped Belridge to a total of 160 odd. Baldivis were never in the game with some tight bowling from **Josh Bruce**, **Kiran Byles** and **Rian Hammond**. Belridge defeated Baldivis by 100 runs.



All students that attended the camp were fantastic role models for the school. They played to win, whilst demonstrating great sportsmanship along the way. They are all to be commended on their behaviour and attitude. A big thank you to Mr Scott Ogilvie who organised the camp.

Mr Brent Jarvis-Spinks
Health & Physical Education Teacher

Design & Technology



Mr Bond and the Year 10 Automotive students would like to thank **Visionstream** for their donation of four stroke generators. These generators will help provide students with ongoing learning opportunities, as they are used for practical learning experiences.

We graciously accept this donation and are thankful for the support we have received from Visionstream.

Mr Joel Bond
Design & Technology Teacher



Visual Arts

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Year 8 Visual Art students are currently working on ceramic dragons and the Year 7's have made fruit and vegetable lino prints this term.

Congratulations to all students on your great standard of work.

Noelene Hales
Visual Arts Teacher



Aaliyah Biahgi



Zane Witt



Chloe Richardson



Kye Cooper



Mikayla Charles



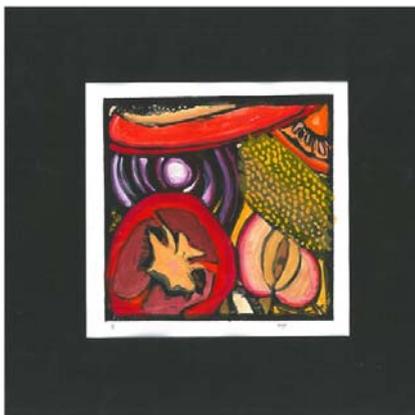
Max Sobey



Kayley Snailham



Savannah Bowerman



Paige Mortimer



Declan Rooney

'Belridge Cup' Netball Carnival 2017



On Thursday 7th December, Belridge Secondary College held the third annual 'Belridge Cup' Netball Carnival.

Students in the Netball Academy from Years 7 through to 12 were involved on the day. There were two teams from each year group (10 in total) that all played several games on the day. When students were not playing, they were scoring or umpiring other games.

Each team played the opposing team in their own year group first. They then played various other teams from other year groups across the day. It was a fantastic day and everyone displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. I was particularly impressed with the quality of umpiring, as well as the amount of assistance the girls offered on the day.

This year we had a coffee/refreshment van for the first time, which was a welcome addition, keeping the girls well hydrated on a warm day.

The top 4 placed teams played off to get into the grand final and, as it worked out, we had the top **Year 7** team make the grand final against a **Year 11/12 team**. This demonstrates the quality of players coming through some of our younger years. In the end, the Year 11/12 team were the winners for the day and received medallions and the prestigious cup. After the Grand Final, there were presentations and refreshments held in the café for all Netball Academy students and their parents/grandparents.

For each of the 5 Year Groups there was a **Most Valuable Player** trophy awarded (MVP) as well as a **Best Team Player** trophy. The awards went to the following recipients:

	<u>MOST VALUABLE PLAYER</u>	<u>BEST TEAM PERSON</u>
7	Karla Stagg	Jorja Huntley
8	Rhythm Brinkworth	Jordan Blee
9	Hailey Knott	Sophie Williams
10	Nikkita Koertzen	Charlie Kinsella
11/12	Christa Smith	Tegan Bright

I would like to congratulate all of the award winners, as well as each and every Netball Academy student that participated on the day. A wonderful end to what has been a fantastic year for the Belridge Netball Academy.

A huge thank you to all of the girls in the academy and to the Physical Education Department (plus Miss Currie) for your support on the day. I am looking forward to what's in store for the coming years. I wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Tarryn Hunt
Netball Coordinator



Most Valuable Players and Best Team Person Award Winners



Congratulations to the Year 11/12 Team Overall winners of the Belridge Cup 2017

Write a book in a Day

At the start of Term 3, we had two groups of students participate in the Kids' Cancer Project's Write a Book in a Day challenge. These students spent 12 hours planning, writing, editing and illustrating a picture book to be printed and distributed to children's cancer wards around Australia.

As part of this competition, the students work to raise funds to children's cancer research - if they raise over \$240 they go in to be judged on their book. Fortunately, both our teams this year were sponsored enough (another thank you to **Fire and Evac Solutions** and **Fire Drafting Solutions**) to hit that benchmark and we found out at the start of Term 4 that **BOTH teams** had been **shortlisted**.

John Burke and I attended the WA awards ceremony on 10th November at Hampton Senior High School and came back with incredible news.

The **Year 10 team** and their book *"Light the Night"* came second, winning the **Highly Commended Book title for WA Upper School**.

The **Year 11 Literature team** and their book *"The Poultrygeist"* **WON the WA Upper School book category!**

A really fantastic achievement for both groups and we couldn't be prouder of them. It's an amazing experience, and to have been shortlisted was an accomplishment itself (our team last year was shortlisted as well), but to have won is just something else.

It was a real surprise for the students as they weren't even told they were shortlisted - I wanted the results to be a surprise for them. The students also were unable to attend as unfortunately, the Year 11s were away on exams, and the Year 10s were on an incursion. Congratulations to the following students:

Year 11

Lauren Allen, Sarah Burgess, Calan Harris, Nelie May George, Jai Superville, Nicola Low, Jessica Dippenaar, Alyssa Booth, Draythan Garratt and Aiden Wright.

Year 10 Team

Eve Allen, Olivia Allen, Keri-Rose Baker, Lauren Gahgan, Faith Reid, Liberty Hendrick and Hannah Moro.

A really great achievement by these students; their books are available to be read in the front office, library and will soon be on the Write a Book in a Day [website](#).



Prime Minister Task

As part of the Year 8 course, students spend time examining persuasive language in written, print and spoken forms. For Ms Soloway's class, this finishes in students running for Prime Minister. Students selected a character actor individual that they feel would be effective in running Australia; as this person, students create a campaign task to persuade their classmates to vote for them.

This year was a fantastic demonstration of student's skills, with all candidates presenting with charisma, intelligence and humour, working to convince their classmates they were the best person for the job. The two days finish with a vote, with the winner gaining the title of Prime Minister and the honour of getting to teach a lesson before the end of term. The votes were really close, but the winner was announced as Amber Fletcher, who ran as Regina George with a campaign of making Australia PINC (Proud, Independent, Neutral and Courageous). Congratulations to Amber and to all the other students, as everyone demonstrated fantastic skills.

Miss Lisa Soloway
English/Literature Teacher

Year 6 Orientation Day 2017



On the 5th of December, approximately 190 enthusiastic Year 6 students were welcomed to Belridge Secondary College as part of the transitioning to high school program for their Orientation Day.

The morning started with some performing arts and dance presentations, as well as Student Services activities. This then took the students into recess where, they were excitedly met by siblings and past students and friends from their primary school.

After recess, each group of students participated in many different activities across the school, including making pancakes in Home Economics, building their very own pencil holder in Design and Technology, rock climbing in the gym and attending Art, IT and Science sessions.

By the end of the day, students had made some lovely friendship groups and steadied first time high school nerves. After reconvening in the gym, Mr Pisano addressed the students and reiterated the five best things to bring to school on the first day. They were:

1. Something to write with;
2. Something to write on;
3. Food;
4. Correct uniform; and
5. A good attitude.

With this in mind, I leave you with a wish that all families have a safe and relaxing holiday period. I look forward to welcoming you all again next year as Year 7 Students at Belridge Secondary College.

Ms Trinke
Year 7 Coordinator, 2018



Year 10 Family, Community and You



In Home Economics this term, the Year 10 Family, Community and You students have been learning about the importance of Community and giving back to others. They have been researching what Community Service is, Community Service opportunities in the local area and how they can help around the school.



The students were involved in raising funds so that they could create a project and donate it to the Ed Support Market Day. The students created piñatas that the Education Support Unit could sell to raise money for their centre. The students first had to fundraise for the project by cooking and selling biscuits and caramel slices to the teachers. They then purchased all the materials for the piñatas and had fun constructing them in class. The students did a very professional job and the piñatas were sold for between \$5.00 to \$10.00 each at the Market Day.



From the funds that were originally raised, they had some left over for another project. So to finish off the term, the students will be producing baby bibs that will be donated to a local organisation that creates newborn hampers for families who are struggling.

The students have enjoyed the opportunity of being able to make a difference. For more inspiring quotes go to

<https://www.success.com/article/15-inspiring-quotes-about-giving>

Miss Nicole Rennie
Home Economics Teacher

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12

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Applications Close

Friday 13 April 2018

ASK SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION

See Manager of Corporate Services article for eligibility criteria (page 5)

Miss P's Shave for Jordan



On the 9 November 2017, Belridge Secondary College hosted an event to raise funds for Jordan, a close friend of mine, who was diagnosed with cancer. I had my head shaved to raise funds for Jordan and promote the Belridge values of **'Care'** and **'Community'**.

A little bit about Jordan, he is 24 and currently having chemotherapy but remaining strong and positive. The chemo will be targeting the lung or the liver. Jordan's positivity and courage is admirable. He is someone that not only inspires me but the people around him. It was a great opportunity to be able to hold this event at Belridge, with access to an amazing community; I appreciate everyone's assistance in helping raise funds and awareness for not only Jordan but cancer awareness as a whole. It was great to see the students involved in the fundraiser and to teach them that anyone can make a difference if we all work together.

A message from Jordan: *"I felt welcomed by all staff and students when I arrived, I am still amazed by how much support and kindness was expressed from Belridge Secondary College. A big thank you to everyone who got involved one way or another. I really appreciate your support, and a big thank you to Lisa who made this possible."*



Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to this cause, I am proud to be part of the Belridge community and happy to say we raised a total amount of \$930.50!

Miss Lisa Pignatiello
Art Teacher

Farewell to Mrs Mason

Denise Mason, School Officer, will be retiring from the Belridge SC Administration Team this month.

During her 29 year career with the Department of Education her roles included Education Assistant for Mainstream and Special Needs students, and a School Officer. Denise has been a great asset to the school and provided support, expertise and experience to many registrars, manager of corporate services, principals and teachers with whom she worked. In latter years her contribution to the success of the VET program was particularly important.

The staff, and particularly the Administration Team, offer their very best wishes on Denise's retirement.



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Available free of charge for iPhone, Android and Windows phones.

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Email: elizabeth.cassidy@education.wa.edu.au

Tel: 9408 8000

ELIZABETH CASSIDY
Head of Information Technology



REGISTER NOW! Parent Cyber Café Night

For parents of new students commencing in 2018, we will be holding a Parent Cyber Café in the library on **Tuesday 6 February** from **6.30pm to 8.00pm**.

This will be an introduction outlining the ICT support resources available at our school and how parents can use these to maximise their child's future, including setting up of parent Connect accounts.

Come and join us for an informal chat and enjoy a tea/coffee. Light snacks will be available.

Meet and Greet: 6.15pm to 6.30pm
Presentation commences: 6.30pm
Cost: Free
Registrations are essential

To register go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter code **below**



Why you need to keep your social media apps updated

News in September 2017, reported that the account of celebrity Instagram user Selena Gomez, had been hacked. This was not a single targeted hack against a specific identity, but one that was much wider ranging. Official numbers will not be confirmed by Instagram but the hackers have claimed to possess the data of over 6 million Instagram account holders. The hackers set up a site where people could pay a sum to search for compromised accounts. Available for purchase, were the private contact details used to open Instagram accounts (this included those of the White House, and Rihanna plus almost all the members of the most popular Instagram profiles).

The catch is... the version of the app the hackers were able to work around was a 2016 version. Updates released since will protect you from the problem. Without the update, your personal details are not secure.

Always keep your apps up to date (including gaming apps and firmware upgrades on gaming consoles). The necessary security changes go hand in hand with some of the upgrades you might not want, or think you need but they are very necessary for your online safety.

Stay safe on social media.

(adapted from www.safeonsocial.com)



Canteen

Don't forget to sign up for our online canteen ordering system in readiness for 2018. Place your child's orders for recess or lunch.

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You can use Paypal or Credit Card for immediate payment. You can also use Direct Deposit, which is fee free.

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IT'S REVISION TIME

2018 SCHOOL CHANGES

Services often change at the start of the school year. These changes include School Specials, as well as regular routes that service schools in the area.

These changes are made in order to offer the best possible service across the network.

Students intending to travel to school via public transport should:

- Check transperth.wa.gov.au for information. Please note that as services change, website information will be updated. Continue to check back until the start of term
- Plan your journey prior to the start of school. The JourneyPlanner will be updated with the new school services **two weeks prior to the start of school**. Remember to change the date in the JourneyPlanner to the first day of school
- Not every school will undergo changes, however all students should plan their journey before starting the new school year.

For Assistance:
transperth.wa.gov.au
Transperth InfoLine 13 62 13 (TIS: 13 14 50)
Hearing or speech impaired? Call via NRS 133 677



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If you see suspicious activity or Criminal acts then give us a call.
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ATAR Advice Day

Our Course and Admissions Advisors will be available to discuss applications, alternative pathways, and courses with your Year 12 students and their families once they receive their ATAR results. No RSVP necessary.

Date: Thursday, 21 December 2017
Time: 9am - 4pm
Where: St Teresa's Library, ND17 (access via Bateman Courtyard), access from 38 Mouat Street
The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle

To register for any events, visit
<http://notredame.edu.au/freo>
or contact the Prospective Students Office on
(08) 9433 0533

Please keep in touch

CONTACT US



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**

Thank you

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 209241

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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**



www.rscvt.com

Summer has arrived and Christmas is just around the corner, and it's hard to believe that the school year has come to an end yet again! As the school year concludes, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing students for all of their outstanding efforts during the year. They have made so many individual and group accomplishments and should be extremely proud with all of their efforts. Well done to one and all!

Thank you too to our parents, who are so supportive of the programs, staff and ethos here at Belridge Secondary ESC - we value you as partners in the education of your child. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the members of our School Board who give up their time to participate in meeting and planning opportunities to benefit all students at our school. To all of the staff here at Belridge SESC - a very sincere thank you! All of the efforts, commitment and dedication to our students is clearly evident in every aspect of our school life. On behalf of all of the staff here at Belridge Secondary ESC, I sincerely wish each and every one of our Year 12 students the very best for your future endeavours and may all of your dreams come true! Whilst we will all miss you, we also know that you have bright futures ahead of you!

Planning for 2018

Planning for the 2018 year ahead is well underway with our anticipated enrolments continuing to increase, which has resulted in another transportable classroom being delivered and installed during the upcoming holidays. This classroom will be fitted out over the summer holidays ready for use on day one, Term One, 2018. Approximately 120 students are expected to commence at the beginning of the year here at Belridge SESC and we look forward to a positive and successful start to the school year.

Market Day

Belridge Secondary ESC held its annual Market Day on Wednesday 29 November and a fabulous time was had by all. Once again this was an outstanding success and congratulations must go to all of our staff and students who worked so hard. This event brings the community together to showcase and celebrate our students. Well done to you all! Special thanks must go to Mrs Carmen Lopez for all of her work to make this event such a resounding and much valued event. Working alongside Mrs Lopez was a Market Day Committee with representatives from Beldon ESC having input into the organisation also. The community response was overwhelming and it was great to see so many parents, grandparents and friends supporting our students and their efforts. All of the funds raised from the Belridge SESC stalls will go towards a purposeful project within the school that directly and positively impacts on our students.

We already have a number of special events and dates scheduled for Term One, 2018 highlighted in our Bumper Christmas Newsletter Edition so please make note of these very important dates. These dates include the much anticipated Year 12 School Ball, Professional Development Days and much more.

On behalf of the entire Belridge Community I would like to wish all of our families and the school community a safe and Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to seeing our students back in 2018! To all of our graduating students, it has been a pleasure to have you all as members of our school and we sincerely wish you all every success in their future years. Good bye and good luck!

With best wishes,

Jenine Wall

JENINE WALL
Principal