



THIS WEEK

29th January, 2018

Every Day Is A Uniform Day At Bomaderry High

Term 1 Week 1

COMING EVENTS

Monday, 29th January 2018 - Day 1

- ✓ Staff Development Day.

Tuesday, 30th January 2018 - Day 2

- ✓ Year 7, 11 and 12 first day.

Wednesday, 30th February 2018 - Day 3

- ✓ Year 8 and 10 first day.

Thursday, 1st February 2018 - Day 4

- ✓ Lessons as normal.

Friday, 2nd February 2018 - Day 5

- ✓ Lessons as normal.

Positive Thought for the Week

"Don't be afraid to start over. It's a brand new opportunity to rebuild what you truly want."

Uniform Shop Opening Hours for January 2018

Monday, 29th January - 8am to 3pm

Tuesday, 30th January - 8am to 1pm

Wednesday, 31st January - 7.45am to 3.30pm

Thursday, 1st February - 8am to 1pm

Then every Wednesday during Term from 7.45am to 3.15pm.

Principal's Report

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone for the upcoming 2018 school year at Bomaderry High School. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time with new Year 7 students joining our current cohort of students who have moved onto a new year group. Staff are also excited to be back to ensure that we continue to provide high quality educational opportunities for all the students of Bomaderry High School.

We have quite a few new staff joining us this year, whilst there have also been some changes in roles and responsibilities for some staff. Firstly, it is with a touch of sadness that 2018 sees the official retirement of Mrs Sandra Turner, our dedicated School Administration Manager who provided outstanding service to the Bomaderry High School Community for over 27 years. We wish Sandra all the very best as she moves into this next phase of her life. Sandra will be sorely missed as she was not just a colleague but a great friend to many. Kerri McPherson will move into this role on a permanent basis and the school office will continue to thrive under Kerri's leadership.

Mrs Kay Jones and Mrs Julie Gunning have also retired after over 20 and over 13 years of service respectively and were highly-regarded members of our School Administration and Support Staff. I know the Office and Home Economics faculty will miss them greatly. Kay was an integral member of the office and Julie was a mainstay in our kitchens. Enjoy your retirements Kay and Julie. Mrs Kerry Lynch will be replacing Julie after transferring to us from James Busby High School. Welcome Kerry.

2018 also sees the official retirement of our long serving Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning, Mr Phil Jones. Phil was a leader in the area of technology, not just in his classes but right across the school. Phil also led the school to many successes in Lawn Bowls and I'll endeavour to emulate him as best I can in my role as the School's Lawn Bowls Coach. Phil is an avid fisherman and we wish him well in his search for the 'one that got away!' Mrs Jenni Raison joins the Bomaderry High School Executive in the role of Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning. Jenni comes to us with a wealth of experience and has held the executive positions of Head Teacher and Deputy Principal across a number of schools. We are fortunate to have someone of Jenni's calibre, and character, joining the Bomaderry High School Learning Community.

Ms Laura Beaupeurt has transferred to us from Nowra High School and joins our hard working team at the Shoalhaven Tutorial Centre. We have also had some new appointments with Ms Chelsea Davis teaching Music, Ms Chrystal Phillips teaching Science, whilst Mr Kieran Smith will be teaching English. Congratulations to all our new staff on their appointments. I'm sure I speak on behalf of all of the Bomaderry High School Community when wishing them all the very best in their teaching careers.

2018 will also see Mrs Cathy Russell joining the Senior Executive Team in the role of Deputy Principal. This is a school funded position that will allow the Deputy Principals to provide even greater leadership across the school. Each Deputy Principal will oversee two year groups of students, enabling each of them to provide high level expertise and targeted support.

Mrs Jo Parsons – Years 8 and 11
Mr Mark Graham – Years 9 and 12
Mrs Cathy Russell – Years 7 and 10

The decision taken at the end of 2017 to create a third Deputy Principal position would appear to be strategic and somewhat timely, as I'm sure that most of our community would be familiar with the reporting in the print and television media that some of our students have been the victims of cowardly and vicious online bullying attacks over the school holiday period.

In the coming weeks, we will outline the proactive approach that Bomaderry High School has taken in relation to bullying and in particular the scourge of online bullying of students through various social media platforms. This is an issue that is a direct reflection on what is occurring right across all areas of society.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention the need for parents to be vigilant in monitoring their child's use of Social Media. As well as contacting the school if needed, I urge you to seek support from the following links that can assist you and your children if issues arise with Social Media.

For information on getting help with cyber issues go to:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/get-help>

To report cyber bullying and obtain assistance having offensive material removed, go to:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/i-want-to-report-cyberbullying>

To report offensive or illegal content, go to:
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/offensive-and-illegal-content-complaints/report-offensive-or-illegal-content>

This link takes you to the social media safety centre with information on how to report a problem to individual social media sites:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/offensive-and-illegal-content-complaints/report-offensive-or-illegal-content>

Despite this challenging beginning to the year, I still look forward to working positively with all of our students, families and the staff at Bomaderry High School in ensuring that we continue to provide high quality, engaging and meaningful learning experiences.

Mr I Morris
Principal

Important Sports Dates for 2018

- School Swimming Carnival – Wed. 7th February
- Zone Swimming Carnival – Tues. 27th February
- South Coast Swimming Carnival – Tues. 13th March
- School Cross Country Carnival – Thurs. 12th April
- Zone Cross Country Carnival – Fri. 11th May
- School Athletics Carnival – Wed. 16th May
- Zone Athletics Carnival – Fri. 15th June
- South Coast Athletics Carnival – Fri. 3rd August

Please regularly check dates for unforeseen changes throughout the year.

Swimming Carnival

The Bomaderry High School swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday, 7th February. All students in year 7 and 10 will be attending the carnival, even if they are not participating in the swimming events. Any student who would like to participate from other years must nominate by outing their name down at the PE staffroom by Monday, 5th February for at least 2 events.

Students are encouraged to dress in house colours.

A-D	KENNEDY	GREEN
E-K	FULLER	YELLOW
L-P	REID	RED
Q-Z	JORDAN	BLUE

Students attending the carnival will need \$2.50 entry fee, sunscreen, hat and a water bottle. The pool canteen is available throughout the day for food and drinks. All students must attend roll call. Year 7 will walk across to the pool period 1 for their swimming proficiency test which will determine groups for sports and is required before going to camp. Year 10 and other competitors will attend classes period 1 before walking across to the pool during recess 1.

Parents/guardians are welcome to observe or assist at the carnival as timekeepers and are asked to approach the PE staff at the carnival at the start of the day.

Students who are successful at the school carnival will represent the school at the Zone swimming carnival on Wednesday, 27th February at the Bomaderry Pool.

Triathlon 2018

The NSW All School Triathlon Championships will be held in Penrith from Wednesday, 28th February 2018 to Thursday, 1st March 2018. If interested see the sports noticeboard.