



2020 TERM 2 ISSUE 1

# CHAMPION BAY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter



## Principal News

As I write, we are slowly moving to what was normal previously - both across the school and the State. There are still extra cleaning protocols in place, for students and staff as a precaution. We hope to resume normal meetings and information evenings as soon as the announcement is made.

This newsletter is one of two that will be published each term - in Weeks Five and Ten. One thing you will notice is that the contributors for each of these newsletters will be different. Key contributors have nominated which edition they will be a part of.

As we move towards 2021, it is important to note that enrolments for Year 7 2021 close on Friday 24 July 2020 - end of Week One term 3. If you have a family member who is going to enrol with us, or you know someone, please contact our Administration Office on 99 658 300 to arrange an enrolment package.

Do you have a student - or know someone, who might be a candidate for our specialist selective STEM program, Champions Innovation Academy? Year 6 students from all primary schools are able to apply to join this specialist program. Contact the Administration Office for details on testing dates for students wishing to join this program.

And now, a wrap on Term One...The 'elephant in the room' is of course;

### COVID-19

After the announcement of the effective shutdown of the State was made, the task for schools was to interpret how we were best going to manage this unprecedented situation. As stated in the COVID-19 update I placed on Connect during the holiday break, the situation unfolded around us.

After Week 6, the impact became immediate, student numbers were declining daily - by up to as much as 10% of the number of students present the day previously. The DET statement about students staying home and Week 10 of term becoming a non-teaching week was made. Student Services made contact with each student by post and we were closely watching for our students at risk.



By mid Week 8, our numbers had dwindled to less than 20 as parents made the choice to keep students at home. Requests for work packages increased and packages designed to take families through to Week 10 were made available.

By end Week 8, we were expecting, as we had been told, to prepare for Term 2 to be conducted remotely. Staff worked tirelessly to create an online learning platform using Connect, including Webex lessons recorded. In addition, they also created hard packages for families who were unable to access the online space. Year 11 ATAR students studying on SIDE were not affected as they have been working in the Webex space all year, similarly, those non SIDE ATAR students were able to access their teachers daily. The biggest impact for those students was in the assessment area as we worked to create a valid set of data.

This planned remote set of teaching platforms was to remain in place for at least the first five weeks of Term 2. During the holiday break, the Minister announced the situation where parents chose whether their children were to attend school from Wednesday 29 April. We sent out a survey to collect data to try to ascertain numbers, the link to which was sent in the first week of the holidays to parent and carers over Connect, Facebook, and MSGU text.

This created an interesting situation as it indicated that we would still have a significant number of



students working externally either online or using work packages collected from the Administration Office.

We created an online cross-curriculum team responsible for Years 7-10 MESH subjects using staff who at that point were unable to work face to face. Those staff were also used to assess and return hard copy packages and case manage those students working in this mode.

For students on-site, we maximised the use of indoor and outdoor spaces to physically distance students where possible. The cafeteria operated providing take away food only and students were not able to sit in and eat and socialise. Parents and visitors dropped students at the gate and if students were to be collected, it was done through the Administration office. Parents were advised that they are not to send their children to school if they are unwell - similarly, staff were also advised not to attend if they are unwell.

Queueing for classes and the cafeteria still involves physical distancing and we planned an 'Every Lesson, Every Person' whole of school hygiene process involving:

- lining up observing distance
- enter room individually
- teacher squirts hand sanitiser into outstretched hands as they pass
- before the end of each lesson, each student has desk sprayed with disinfectant and given paper towel to wipe this down - paper towel in bin on exit.



This ensures that every student enters a clean room. A greater cleaning staff presence is also in place with an extension to some staff hours as well as the recruitment of extra staff. There are two cleaning staff on duty daily outside of 'normal' cleaning hours.

Meetings like P&C and the Board are underway again, after school activities are recommencing, but assemblies, excursions and incursions are still not allowed and drink fountains and water bubblers have been turned off until further advice. Excursion and incursions for the purposes of Year 11 completion of enrolled courses are going ahead with certain guidelines in place. Parents have been advised to send students back to school with a water bottle, personal hand sanitiser and tissues where possible. Staff as adults, will still need to observe physical distancing requirements and avoid normal physical contact.

#### **Numbers of students working away**

From the day that school returned on Wednesday 28 April, numbers of students working online or from hard packages were tracked daily. Follow up is still underway to collect, mark and return hard copy work packages.

**Julie Campbell**  
**Principal**  
**Champion Bay Senior High School**

## A word from our Associate Principals



### Term 2

I would like to congratulate all students, and in particular, the Year 11 students for their positive attitude and flexibility in the manner they have responded to the Covid-19 changes and approached their studies towards the end of Term 1 and this term. It has been very disappointing for everyone that some events have been cancelled.

Year 11 students are approaching the end of their first course units for Year 11. What's happening for the remainder of the term?

- Year 11 students doing ATAR courses have examinations from Thursday, June 8 to Friday, 12 June. Examinations range from 2 hours and 15 minutes to 3 hours. All examinations have an additional 10 or 15 minutes reading time. School uniform will still be worn during examinations. Students doing 4 or more examinations will only attend classes during their examination times. All other students will attend classes as normal during this time. Students with examinations completing non-examinable courses still have a responsibility to maintain the requirements of these courses so they do not fall behind.

Our school-based examinations will follow the rules stipulated for the ATAR examinations. A new change to examination rules this year is students are not permitted to wear or take a watch (analogue, digital or smartwatch) or similar wireless-enabled technology device (for example, Fitbit) into the examination room in 2020. These items are considered unauthorised items. We wish our students

well, many have been attending revision classes after school and using their study notes to revise for the examinations.

Students who do not sit a Year 11 course examination and do not have an approved sickness/misadventure application for the course, will receive zero for the examination. The Sickness/Misadventure Application form is available from the Administration Office or Connect.

- Year 11 students and their parents have been meeting with their assigned mentor, reviewing their progress on the WACE tracker and developing a plan to ensure they are on track to attain their WACE at the end of Year 12 in 2021.
- Year 11 students start Unit 2 course content in Week 8 this term.
- The last date for changing to a different course unit 2 is 26 June 2020. Students requesting a change need to complete the Course Change Request form. This requires parent and HOLA signatures. Completed forms submitted after this date will not be accepted.
- Year 11 students will receive a Semester One student report at the end of Term 2. This will provide course unit grades, attributes and comments. This will be sent via Connect, email or as a paper copy, depending on what parents have requested.

### Year 10 examinations

Year 10 students will also have examinations from Monday, 8 June to Friday, 12 June.

- Students will sit an examination in English, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science and a school-based OLN Skills Assessment. During health students will also complete a Keys for Life test.
- These examinations are compulsory and range from one hour to 150 minutes, with an additional 5 or 10 minutes reading time and are based on the Year 10 Syllabus content.
- School uniform will still be worn during examinations. Students will attend classes as normal during non-examination times during this week.
- These examinations will also follow the rules stipulated for the ATAR examinations.
- Students who are absent and do not sit the Year 10 examinations, and do not have an approved sickness/misadventure application



for the course, will receive zero for the examination. The Sickness/Misadventure Application form is available from the Administration Office or Connect.

- Examination results will be included in the Semester One report.

Students will receive a Year 10 Examination Information booklet during Week 7. This will also be available on Connect.

### Second Technologies Rotation in Years 7 and 8

Student courses in Technologies changed in Week 5 as Years 7 and 8 students started their second rotation for Technologies and have all received a new timetable. During the year, students will complete courses in Digital Technologies, Materials Technologies and Food Technologies. Technologies grades for the second and third rotations will be included in the Semester Two report. The ARTS courses remain unchanged - these don't change until the start of Semester Two.

### Reporting

At the end of this term, parents will receive the Semester One student report. If you have changed your address please contact the office

to update your details (on 9965 8300 or [championbay.shs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:championbay.shs@education.wa.edu.au)) or use the update form in the back of the student diary. If you would like to receive your child's report electronically and have not already registered for this contact the Administration Office.

### Have you opted in for Connect yet?

Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and learning such as assessments, teacher feedback and attendance data, submission dates and student daily notices from teachers. You can view information online on any electronic device, including a mobile phone. You also need an email address. If you opted out of Connect when you completed your child's enrolment package, you can change this by contacting the Administration office on 9965 8300 and having this changed. Forms are also available from the Administration office.

**Helen Lydon**  
Associate Principal

## LIBRARY NEWS

**The Library is still open for business.** Morning and lunchtimes are full of activity, and with a readjustment of furniture, everyone is participating in social distancing.

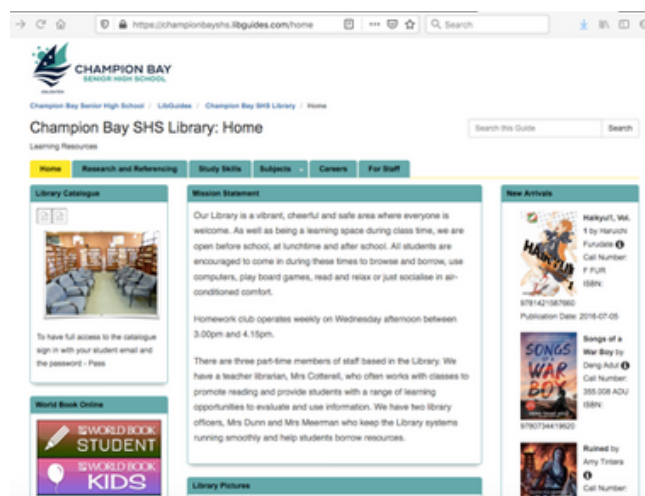
**Resources borrowed** before the school holidays are now very overdue. Can these please be returned ASAP.

**REMEMBER:** By accessing the link below you can access the Library's catalogue, World Book online and some great information supporting subjects being taught at CBSHS.  
<https://championbayshs.libguides.com/home>

**Homework Club** will hopefully resume next term.

Cheers

**Mrs Olga Cotterell**  
Teacher Librarian



## A word from our Associate Principals



As we settle back into “normal”, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students on their return to school this term. Having been away for a lengthy period of time, students have done well to settle back in. It is pleasing to witness students continuing to be respectful of the COVID 19 health protocols across the school environment. I would also like to acknowledge the enormous amount of behind-the-scenes work our dedicated, caring and resilient staff put in before, during and after the self-isolation period. For many of us it was an opportunity to upskill ourselves in the area of technology and pastoral care, and as a school we have developed improved hygiene processes that we will continue to implement as good practice.

### Uniform

As the cooler winter months set in, students are reminded to wear our correct school uniform;

school shirt, shorts, jumper, navy blue tracksuit pants and closed shoes. All other items of clothing are not permissible. If a student is out of uniform with a reasonable explanation from the parent/guardian, a uniform pass will be issued and the Team Leader or Year Coordinator will follow up. Incorrect uniform and no reasonable explanation will result in the student spending recess and lunch in their Team building, Student Services or the front office. Students are encouraged to wear our uniform with pride and integrity.

### Attendance

Our attendance rate is slowly creeping up after COVID 19 self-isolation and is currently at 70.2%. Students are encouraged to make every day count by attending school regularly and participating fully in their education. Despite the decline in attendance rate, our unexplained absences are only at 29.1%. Thank you to all parents/guardians for the regular communication in updating the school on student absences. We appreciate it as we are not only able to track student attendance, but we are also able to work closely with students and families to help re-engage students by developing goals and strategies to meet their individual needs.

As we rapidly approach the mid-year, I would like to remind all students that, “You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequences of your choice.” So make choices that positively benefit and impact you and others!

**Mrs Waneen Bennett**  
**Associate Principal**

## Important dates

- Board of CBSHS meets Tuesday 16 June from 3:30pm
- Year 11 SIDE exams commence Thursday 4 June
- CBSHS Year 11 exams commence Monday 8 June and finish Friday 12 June
- P&C meet - CBSHS Staffroom from 6:30pm Wednesday 17 June
- Year 10 exams commence Monday 15 June and continue for Week 8
- Last day of Term 2 Friday 3 July

### Term Three

- Day 1 Term 3 Tuesday 21 July- for students
- 2021 enrolments close on Friday 24 June