

Bellfield College
Senior School Weekly

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IMPORTANT DATES

20th March - 6th April Canteen closed

2nd April - Annual Iftar Dinner

6th April - Last day of Term 1

26th April - First day of Term 2



Mouina Ramadan



HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Assalum Alaykum dear Bellfield Community,

Peace and Blessings upon you as we endure the sacrifices of the Holy month of Ramadan.

Research from The University of Newcastle reveals that a student's ATAR could be accurately predicted from a limited number of variables including ATTENDANCE. Here is a quote from the report:

"... we found we only needed 17 of the 41 variables to accurately predict Year 12 performance. These included a student's demographic information (such as how long he or she has lived in Australia and the school's socioeconomic index), Year 9 NAPLAN scores in all areas, their HSC subject choices at the beginning of Year 11 and Year 11 attendance."

Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence
- working with the College to encourage and support regular attendance
- attend regularly and be prompt despite the traffic
- be on time and "present" in every lesson to ensure there is no missed
- learning.

I have attached the attendance chart below for your reference and know that every minute counts.

I hope to see many of our Bellfield families at the Annual Iftar dinner Sunday evening, 2nd April at the Sykview Reception Liverpool.

Kind regards,

Mouina Ramadan

Source: Department of Education

NSW Education & Communities

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!

Assalamu 'alaykum,

Bellfield College invites you and your loved ones to join us for Iftar in the holy month of Ramadan. The event aims to reinforce the spiritual and social aspects of the blessed month.

Our theme this year is titled Glorifying Allah & Catching His Wonders in which we will vote for Bellfield's best photography & drawing entries inspired by the wondrous nature of Allah (SWT).

To purchase tickets, please scan the QR code in the flyer or visit the link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1034357>

Ramadan Mubarak to you and your families!

Warm regards,
Bellfield's IHSAN Department



Ramadan Mubarak

The month of Ramadan in which the Qur'an was revealed, as timeless enlightenment for people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion.

Qur'an 2:185

Bellfield wishes you and your family a blessed month of Ramadan.

May Allah (SWT) accept your sincere devotion and acts of virtuous service.

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Bellfield's Annual Iftar Dinner

Glorifying Allah & Catching His Wonders

The month of Ramadan in which the Qur'an was revealed, as timeless enlightenment for people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion.

Qur'an 2:185

Bellfield College cordially invites you to join us for Iftar.

Date: Sunday, 2 April, 2023
Arrival time: 5:45 P.M.
Location: Skyview Reception Function Centre.
28 Railway St, Liverpool NSW 2170

- Congregational prayer
- Iftar open buffet and desserts (special dietary requirements available)
- 'Pictures of Creation' Voting for the best photography & drawing entries
- And more

Scan QR Code for Tickets

\$60 per adult
\$40 per child under 12

For more information call 9606 2666

Friendly Reminders

Term Dates

Term 2 will commence on **Wednesday 26th April.**

Students should attend school in their full Winter uniform. The term will conclude on Friday 23rd June.

Term 3 dates:

Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

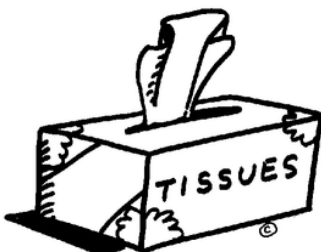
Term 4 dates:

Monday 9th October - Friday 8th December.



Personal Care

As we head into the colder months, we ask that students bring pocket tissues to school with them. Whilst the school has a supply of tissue for the sick bay, students should not be coming out of class to ask for tissues. Please ensure you are prepared each day with all personal care items stored appropriately in your school bag.



Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp is taking place in Week 2 of Term 2. Please ensure you have all items on the checklist clearly labelled with your child's first and last name.

GEAR CHECKLIST:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed Shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath Towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed Sheet + Pillowcase |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket | <input type="checkbox"/> Pyjamas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd OLD pair of closed in shoes or sandals for canoeing etc. NO THONGS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat (regardless of forecast) | <u>Thongs / sandals are not appropriate for day wear</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts (knee length with skins underneath) (suitable for harness wear) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Pack (small backpack for day walks etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear and socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Torch | <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants (2 pairs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 4 Illuminations Character Journal | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumpers / Jacket (2) (appropriate for season) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimmers (Islamic girls swim wear/shorts and rash shirt for boys) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage Bag for Wet / Dirty clothes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels (2) | |

NB: Clearly label all items and ensure all medication is in its original packaging with students name and passed on to the organising teacher.

NO Mobile phones or cameras (of any sort) or any other technological devices will be allowed. If found, items will be confiscated and the two week confiscation rule will apply.

Progress Reports

Years 7-11 progress reports will be issued Week 10 via parent portal. Only families with household accounts up to date will be published. Please contact Sana Saleh on 02 9606 2666 ext 004 to make a payment.

Mathematics

I would like to take this opportunity to say Ramadan Kareem to all in the Bellfield community. I hope that God showers his infinite mercy on all parents, students and staff members of Bellfield College in this month.

Hattie and Timperley (2007) report on research aimed at identifying those influences that are most effective in improving student achievement. They reviewed 196 studies on feedback and determined that effective feedback can almost double the average student growth over a school year. Dylan Wiliam (2010) states that studies on feedback typically note that the pace of student learning is accelerated by at least 50%, meaning student learning is increased by an additional six months or more over a year.

In an earlier study, Black and Wiliam (2010) add that many of the studies also show that improved formative assessment (or feedback) helps lower achieving students more than the rest, and so raises the overall standard of attainment while reducing the gap between higher and lower-achieving students.

In the Mathematics department, we have a major focus on feedback and how it can help students improve their studies. Prior to students completing a topic test they are provided with a revision task that is completed using Mathonline. Students results show improvement using this technique for providing feedback.

Furthermore, the system for feedback given for each assessment task, whereby students receive constructive feedback about their submission, and then write a paragraph or two about what they have understood from teacher's feedback helps them understand what they will need to do in the future to improve. This method allows students to understand their own weakness and strength and plan out how they can improve. All Term 1 assessment tasks are now complete and teachers are giving feedback to students.

We are also using exit ticket in our Mathematics classes on a fortnightly basis, where students can reflect on their performance and their understanding of mathematical concepts. Students will then share using these exit ticket papers to write what they need extra support with and how they can make sure they are improving in Mathematics. This strategy helps students reflect and receive feedback as they are learning the concepts and work out a way on improving before it gets too late.

We would appreciate parents to be involved in the process and welcome feedback about their child so we can work together and improve students skills and their attitude towards learning.

Kind regards,

Javid Karimi
Head of Mathematics



Careers News 2023

UAC

UAC goes Live - Intro to UAC

5 April

Kim Paino, UAC General Manager, Marketing and Engagement, will give you an overview of UAC and answer some FAQs.

Make sure to comment with any questions you may have that you'd like us to discuss!

Our team will also be online to answer all your questions in real-time. You can write a comment beneath the video post or chat with us on Facebook and Instagram.

If you are unable to join us on the day, the Live Session will be available to rewatch on Facebook immediately afterwards.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3465435617035289/?>

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UAC – FAQs about applying to University

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/faqs-and-forms/applying-for-uni>

UAC - Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) aims to help students who have experienced significant educational disadvantage receive an offer to university.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/educational-access-schemes>

Equity Scholarships

Equity Scholarships are awarded to students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those who receive Centrelink income support payments such as ABSTUDY, Austudy, Youth Allowance, JobSeeker Payment, Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single) or the Carer Payment.

There are two types of Equity Scholarship:

Institution Equity Scholarships: these are funded by individual institutions and their value, eligibility criteria and duration differ between institutions
Indigenous Student Success Program: these are funded by the Australian Government and are not covered on this website.

Most institutions also offer merit scholarships: apply directly to the institution for these.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/equity-scholarships>

UAC - Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)

Applications open again on 5 Apr 2023

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) is one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students. They do this by using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Information about applying this year, including application and offer dates, is being updated progressively, so check back at this link regularly.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/schools-recommendation-schemes>

FOCUS ON CAPA



Harmony Day Song Writing Competition

Closes 16 April

The Harmony Day Song Writing Competition is open to school students in all schools in Australia. Entries are based on the student's school year for 2023. Write an original 2 minute song about the theme. Write your own tune or use one of these two tunes provided.

<https://movingforwardtogether.org.au/songwriting-competition/>

Harmony Day Poster Competition

Closes 16 April

The Harmony Day Poster Competition is open to school students in all schools in Australia. Entries are based on the student's school year for 2023.

<https://movingforwardtogether.org.au/poster-competition/>

Creative Studio: ESSA

12 - 14 April

Collage and animate in this three-day Creative Studio workshop with mixed media artist, Essa, and bring your art to life with GIF creations.

Inspired by the Powerhouse collection, participants will collaborate to design and transform collages into shareable GIF animations.

Essa's love for collaging bold, colourful and playful mixed media is informed by their approach to the weaving of abstract concepts. An artist based on Gadigal Land and recent graduate of D&AD Shift with Google, Essa aims to bring their practice into spaces of learning, where autonomy, reflection and curiosity spark imagination.

<https://www.maas.museum/event/creative-studio-essa>

**Come and see Mrs. Chebli in FF02
Thursday A Lunch and Monday B Lunch
to discuss your Career pathway.**

DODGEBALL CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the girls Dodgeball Champions, Queen Girls, and to the boys Dodgeball Champions, Gozuk United.

On Wednesday, 22/03/23, both teams won the final match against their teachers.

Congratulations for winning the tournament, and congratulations to all the teams for winning the integrity of the tournament.

Each player was a coach/leader of their own as they upheld the spirit of the team and applied perspective, consistency and commitment.

The teams played with respect towards their opponents by honoring the game and themselves.

The defeated teams were the first to congratulate the champions leaving them motivated and honorably smiling as they received their medals.

Tournament co-organisation,
Mentors & PDHPE





UNIFORM NEWS

WINTER UNIFORMS

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Avoid out-of-stock on popular sizes!
Get ahead of the last minute back-to-school
rush at the uniform shop.



SHOP IN-STORE:

Visit the Revesby uniform shop at **6/133 The River Road, Revesby.**

SHOP ONLINE:

Buy online at shop.ranier.com.au for convenient home delivery or click & collect at the school office or Revesby shop.

VOUCHERS EXPIRE IN JUNE 2023

Use your NSW Back-to-School vouchers before
they **expire** on **30th June 2023.**

Use your vouchers in-store at our Revesby shop.



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TRADING HOURS

Monday	9:00am –5:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am –5:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am –5:00pm
Thursday	9:00am –5:00pm
Friday	9:00am –5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am –1:00pm



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