

Bellfield College
Senior School Weekly

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IMPORTANT DATES

15th March - 24th March - NAPLAN Online

20th March - 6th April Canteen closed

23rd March - 24th March - Ramadan Commences

29th March - Year 12 Visual Arts Excursion

6th April - Last day of Term 1



Brother Mohamed Wehby

HEAD OF IHSAN

Peace and Blessings

Dearest Bellfield Family,

The day of Mab'ath, which means 'resurrection,' is the day on which Allah (SWT) entrusted the universal message of Islam to His final Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (P) on the 27th of Rajab in the Islamic calendar.

The blessed place on which the first rays of divine revelation descended on the 40-year-old Muhammad, was Cave Hira on Mount Noor (lit. Light) outside Mecca in Arabia. The first word revealed from Allah (SWT) to Prophet Muhammad (P) on the historical day of Mab'ath was "iqra," which means to read, seek knowledge, or be educated. The word iqra implies the concept of relentless "learning," "exploring" and "seeking enlightenment." This demonstrates that reading is one of the ways to approach the Creator through all that exists.

On this auspicious occasion, Bellfield's IHSAN Department in Senior School hosted the first Mab'ath Millionaire Hot Seat competition on stage in the School Library. The Hot Seat competition commenced with a short film through which students gained insights into the background of Mab'ath and the virtues linked to it.

Registered teams were challenged to answer 39 fast-paced questions from the life biography of the holy Prophet in a highly competitive climate against other teams in their stage.

Congratulations to our first ever Mab'ath Hot Seat winners:

- Stage 4: Batoul Haidar (Yr. 8) & Fatimah Toube (Yr. 8)
- Stage 5: Ali Hussain Syed (Yr. 9)



BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF IMAM AL-MAHDI ANNUAL WALKATHON



Friendly Reminders

Years 7-9 NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing commences next week.

Parents, please check your inbox and Sentral parent portal for the latest information and student timetables.

All headphones will be returned to the students after the testing period closes.



Canteen Orders

The canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday for lunch orders only. Orders must be placed before school in the Senior Administration office.

Late orders will not be accepted.

Next week is the final week the canteen will be open this term, due to the commencement of Ramadan in Week 8.



Confiscated Items



Students are reminded jewellery is not part of the School uniform and must not be worn.

Confiscated jewellery will be returned on the last day of term.

Apple watches also not permitted.

Mobile phones are confiscated for a period of two weeks.

Permission Slips



Permission notes must be returned by the due date on the note.

A great deal of planning goes into excursion organisation and your co-operation is appreciated. Lack of permission may cause an excursion to be cancelled.

Fees associated with these cancellations will be billed to the household fee account.

Creative Arts

YEAR 7

ENDANGERED ANIMAL DRAFTS

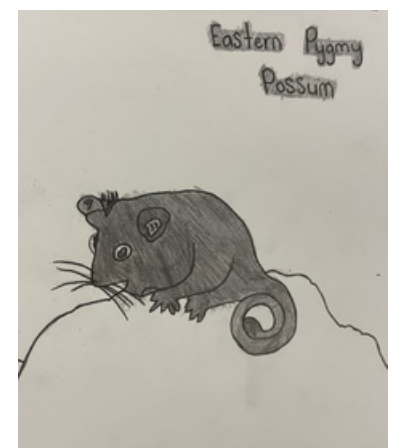
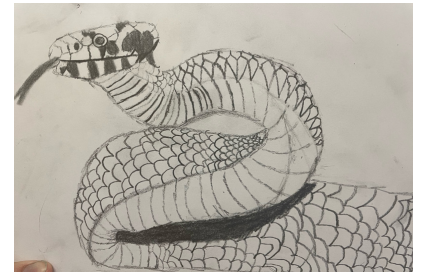
In constant collaboration with our Illuminations Department, the Bellfield Creative Arts Department is committed to providing a substantial, safe, respectful and culturally appropriate program to serve our students well and to ensure that our schools meet all of the NESA requirements for education the 21st century.

Our Stage 4 Students undertake a 2-year Music course, where they study various aspects of music, history and culture in a course designed to help our children better understand and prepare for the world in which they are living, while addressing some of the issues that some types of music can create within the context of our faith.

In the Muslim faith, there are aspects within the subject of music that allow students to explore the reasons for and against all manner of musical activities provides a healthy way for our students to consider their own position, and the role that music may or may not be able to play in their lives without diminishing their values. Many of our students enjoy experimenting with drums, percussion instruments and pianos and some have even taken it to the next level and have begun to learn to play quite well.

In the Mandatory, elective and Stage 5 Visual Design courses, students are learning engaging in making different kinds of artworks in 2D, 3D and/or 4D forms. They learn to represent their ideas and interests with reference to contemporary trends and artists, including painters, sculptors, architects, designers, photographers and ceramists, make artworks. Students are also learning about how art is shaped by different beliefs, values and meanings by exploring the relationships in the artworld between the artist – artwork – world – audience. They also explore how their own lives and experiences can influence their artmaking and critical and historical studies.

Sasha Hayes
Visual Arts Teacher



YEAR

9

A message from Mr Nehme

The importance of Year 9

Year 9 is an important grade for several reasons. Firstly, it is a time when students begin to prepare for their final years of secondary education and the important exams that lie ahead. This year is also a time when students start to consider their options for further education and career paths, which can have a significant impact on their future.

Secondly, Year 9 is a time when students undergo significant changes and face new challenges in their personal and social lives. Many students are approaching adolescence, and this can be a time of physical, emotional, and social changes. It is important for schools to provide support and guidance during this time to help students navigate these changes and develop the social and emotional skills necessary for success in school and beyond.

You can do it! Positive Mindset

At Bellfield we understand that students need a safe and supportive environment that promotes their physical, mental, and emotional health. When students feel secure and cared for, they are more likely to succeed academically and socially. For these reasons, we prioritize well-being by providing resources and support systems for students, such as mental health counselling, physical activity programs, and healthy meal options. In addition, creating a positive school culture that celebrates diversity and inclusivity can help students feel more connected and valued, leading to a sense of belonging and improved well-being. As part of the positive school culture strategy, students complete the You can do it! program throughout the year during home room lessons.



Careers News 2023

UAC

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ATAR IN (JUST OVER) 2 MINUTES

HSC students: don't stress!

Here's a quick and simple ATAR explainer without all the jargon.

The ATAR is a rank, not a mark.

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 that indicates a student's position relative to all the students in their age group (ie all 16 to 20 year olds in NSW). So, an ATAR of 80.00 means that you are 20 per cent from the top of your age group (not your Year 12 group).

Universities use the ATAR to help them select students for their courses and admission to most tertiary courses is based on your selection rank (your ATAR + any applicable adjustments). Most universities also use other criteria when selecting students (e.g. a personal statement, a questionnaire, a portfolio of work, an audition, an interview or a test).

The average ATAR is usually around 70.00.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NNx5NVFPQk&t=1s

WELCOME TO UAC, CLASS OF 2023!

If you're in Year 12 and thinking of applying for uni in 2024, UAC applications open on Wednesday 5 April (19 April for international Year 12 students).

Until then, here are a few things you can do to help make your uni application process smoother – before the year gets too hectic.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/welcome-to-uac-class-of-2023>

TAFE

Q&A SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

School based apprenticeships and traineeships allow senior high school students to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship while at school. School based apprentices work part-time and undertake the first stage of their apprenticeship training before the end of the HSC year. School based trainees work part-time and complete their traineeship by the end of their HSC year.

<https://sbatinnsw.info/getting-started/questions-answered>

TAFE GUIDE FOR PARENTS

We understand that parental involvement is important to help guide your child choose a career path that is suited to them.

That's why at TAFE NSW, we provide our students with individual support, small class sizes, quality trained teachers, and pathways to get them to where they want to be.

From specialist schools such as the Design Centre Enmore, Fashion Design Studio, and the Australian Patisserie Academy, TAFE NSW has hundreds of courses, diplomas, and degrees, with many different pathways to suit every style of learning - be it online, in person, a combination of both, or even in their own time.

With strong industry connections we also partner with employers to provide mentorships, internships and work placements in a real world learning environment.

Our ambition is to help your child with their career goals.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/documents/60140/215502/Parent+and+Caregiver+Guide.pdf>

180,000 FEE-FREE TAFE PLACES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Get excited! You could score one of these spots and skill up for the jobs of the future

Just when you thought VET couldn't get any more amazing, it was announced that 180,000 Fee-Free TAFE places are up for grabs across Australia in 2023. These places will be targeted to priority groups including:

- First Nations people
- Young people aged 17-24, job seekers
- Women facing economic security
- Unpaid carers
- Women in non-traditional fields of study
- People with disability

Through Fee-Free TAFE, you'll be able to complete an accredited diploma, certificate or short course in high-demand industries that are crying out for skilled workers. These include:

- Care (aged care, childcare, health care and disability care)
- Technology and digital
- Hospitality and tourism
- Construction
- Agriculture
- Sovereign capability

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/180000-fee-free-tafe-courses>

FOCUS ON : ENGLISH



UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY THE MERCHANT OF VENICE HSC SEMINAR

3 May

Join Professor Liam Semler (University of Sydney), Associate Director James Evans and the Players from Bell Shakespeare as they dissect and discuss *The Merchant of Venice* as part of the Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences. The Players will perform key scenes and soliloquies from the play to support discussion and demonstrate Shakespeare's language and characters in action.

<https://www.bellshakespeare.com.au/hsc-shakespeare-seminars-with-usyd>

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY RICHARD III LOOKING FOR RICHARD HSC SEMINAR

3 May

Join Associate Professor Huw Griffiths (University of Sydney), Associate Director James Evans and the Players from Bell Shakespeare as they explore Shakespeare's *Richard III* and provide a comparative analysis of Al Pacino's *Looking For Richard*, as part of Module A: Textual Conversations. The Players will perform key scenes and soliloquies from *Richard III* to support discussion and demonstrate Shakespeare's language and characters in action.

<https://www.bellshakespeare.com.au/hsc-shakespeare-seminars-with-usyd>

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY THE TEMPEST / HAG-SEED HSC SEMINAR

5 May

Join Professor Liam Semler (University of Sydney), Associate Director James Evans and the Players from Bell Shakespeare as they examine Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and provide a comparative analysis of Margaret Atwood's *Hag-Seed*, as part of Module A: Textual Conversations. The Players will perform key scenes and soliloquies from *The Tempest* to support discussion and demonstrate Shakespeare's language and characters in action.
<https://www.bellshakespeare.com.au/hsc-shakespeare-seminars-with-usyd>

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY THE MERCHANT OF VENICE HSC SYMPOSIUMS

15 March - 7 June

The Merchant of Venice is a relevant HSC study of justice, mercy, and religious division. Sport for Jove's performance symposium invites students to dissect this play's themes and characters in a curriculum aligned theatre experience, with detailed teacher notes also provided.

Sport for Jove's 2023 HSC Performance Symposium series offers a powerful theatrical experience of major scenes and characters from key HSC texts and plays, coupled with analysis and curriculum-based insights into how they work.

Join Damien Ryan and the Sport for Jove team in exploring the plays' multiple meanings. In these discussions, high school students open up diverse critical readings, unlock language and character, and hear actors discuss the plays' famous ambiguities and challenges. Students will also have the opportunity to ask their own questions.

Each symposium ensures students are 'watching with understanding', so they develop the critical thinking skills required to write about the play under exam conditions.

<https://www.seymourcentre.com/event/hsc-symposiums-2023/>

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



Uniform requirements

Girls Summer uniform

- White Bellfield College school blouse
- Long striped summer skirt
- Years 7-10 White slip on hijab/white undercap
Years 11-12 Teal headscarf/white undercap
- Bellfield College logo bag
- White school socks above the ankle or higher
- Black hard leather hard sole school shoes

Girls Winter uniform

- White Bellfield College school blouse
- Long teal check winter skirt
- Years 7-10 White slip on hijab/white undercap
Years 11-12 Teal headscarf/white undercap
- Bellfield College logo bag
- Teal blazer
- Teal wool blend knitted jumper
- Charcoal lycra stockings
- Black hard leather hard sole school shoes

NOTE: Girls without the correct headscarf will be issued with one from the School's supply and the amount of \$20.00 will be charged to the household account.



Girls Sports uniform

- Long sleeve polo shirt with logo (Saxe Blue, Biscay Blue and Ochre)
- Unisex Long Sport Pant. Stretch Polyester Microfibre (Saxe Blue, Biscay Blue and Ochre)
- White Sport socks above the ankle or higher
- School hat
- Sport Jacket. Unisex Stretch Polyester Microfibre (Saxe Blue, Biscay Blue and Ochre)
- Sport shoes (avoid bright colours)



NOTE: Students without the correct socks will be issued with a pair from the School's supply and the amount of \$5.00 will be charged to the household account.

Students not in the correct and full school uniform will be issued a lunch time detention.

NOTE ** Our College uniform shop stocks open toe tights suitable for ablution.

Not wearing leather school shoes is a WHS risk and students will not be allowed to participate in practical lessons including Food Technology, Technology Mandatory, and Science.

Boys Summer uniform

- White Bellfield College school shirt
- Charcoal wool blend long pleated pants
- Grey school socks above the ankle or higher
- Seniors - School tie
- Bellfield College logo bag
- Black hard leather hard sole school shoes
- Teal blazer (optional in Summer)

Boys Winter uniform

- White Bellfield College school shirt
- Charcoal wool blend long pleated pants
- Grey school socks above the ankle or higher
- Teal blazer
- Teal wool blend knitted jumper
- Bellfield College logo bag
- Black hard leather hard sole school shoes



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BELLFIELD COLLEGE SPORT

Sport Uniform Sports Uniform is worn for PE PRACTICALS and Sport days only. Please refer to the student timetable and CANVAS classroom for PE practicals days.

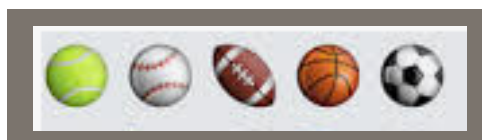


Sport Day is Thursday each week.

Uniform Supply Issues

We regret to inform you that the new sport uniform pants are out of stock with a considerable wait time for purchase (May 2023). In the meantime, we ask that students without the correct sport pants wear plain black track pants. These can be purchased from Kmart, Best & Less or Big W.

Students must have evidence of an order when asked by a teacher.



BOYS HAIRCUT

Students are required to wear their hair in a neat and tidy manner. Haircuts should be of an even grade. Hair should be well brushed and combed and it is assumed that hair will not be in such a condition as to invite comment.

Please be aware of the following:

- Extreme styles of hair are not permitted.
- Gel, mousse and hair spray or other similar substances should not be used.
- There will be no undercuts or steps.
- Nothing shorter than a number 4 comb is acceptable.
- Hair should not touch the shirt collar.
- Beards should be always well groomed / or clean shaven.
- Long sideburns are not permitted.
- Students will not attend class and parents will called to collect their child from school.
- Students who do not abide by the haircut requirements will be asked to fix the identified problem and not return to school until the issue is resolved.

Regular hair blitzs will enforce these expectations.



JEWELLERY REMINDER

The wearing of jewellery is NOT permitted.

This includes; rings, necklaces, bracelets, nose piercings and earrings.

No exceptions will be made.

Confiscated items will be returned to students at the end of the term.



Senior Campus Protocols

Suspension

An immediate suspension will be given to a student who: swears at a teacher, engages in physical fighting, violence directed toward a person, steals from someone or engages in immoral behaviour. Other behaviours may also result in suspension and may include vandalism, high level bullying, an ongoing accumulation of issues and an inability to demonstrate improved behaviour.



Students Late to Class

Students late to class will receive a Lunchtime Detention. Late to class can be defined simply as 'wrong place, wrong time'. If a student is late to class / truant an entire period they are marked as absent on the Sentral roll marking system. This is then followed up by the class teacher and the Head of Department the next day. Continued late to class / truancy may result in further action being taken.

Roll Call

Students must arrive prior to 8.30am and will attend period 1 class immediately after the morning bell (8.30am). Attendance rolls will be marked at the commencement of period 1 and throughout the day occurring at the beginning of each period. Students late to class will be issued with an 'on the spot' lunchtime detention.

Mobile phones



Our College is a student phone free zone.

Mobile phones **MUST** be placed in the school bag and switched off before entering school grounds. If seen, heard or used on school grounds devices will be confiscated immediately and held for two weeks. Please note that this also includes mobile phone devices such as AirPods and phone headsets. Other technology items including IPADS and Apple watches are also not permitted.

Students also have the option of handing in their mobile phone to the senior administration office each morning. Pick up occurs at 3.20pm, not earlier.

Lunchtime Detentions

Your child may receive an on-the-spot lunchtime detention for reasons including but not limited to:

- Late to class
- Out of Uniform
- Non completion of class work

If a student is absent from school when the detention is served, then he/she will have to serve it on another day and families will be notified accordingly.

Failure to attend the detention may result in a suspension as this is considered a serious breach of college rules.

Travel Policy

Please ensure that prior to booking any holidays during term time, that you seek approval from the college.

We only allow 10 school days leave maximum during a calendar year.

Any families who are in breach of our travel policy will have their enrolment terminated.

Year 11 and 12 students will not be granted leave during term time.



Homework

Homework is sent home every night. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

The Main Types of Homework are:

- Practice Exercises – providing students with the opportunities to apply new knowledge, or review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- Preparatory Homework – providing opportunities for students to gain background information on a unit of study so that they are better prepared for future lessons
- Extension & Research Assignments – encouraging students to pursue knowledge individually
- Revision and consolidation – reading over class notes, applying information and organisation or reformatting notes

Private Buses

Students travelling to and from school via private buses should use the footpath along the front driveway. When leaving school, students must use the Junior crossing and the student exit pedestrian gate.

Withdrawing from the College

If you are withdrawing a student from the College, please be advised that **10 weeks' notice is required**

If you do not provide the College 10 school weeks' notice of withdrawing from the college, a term's fees will be charged to your account.



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