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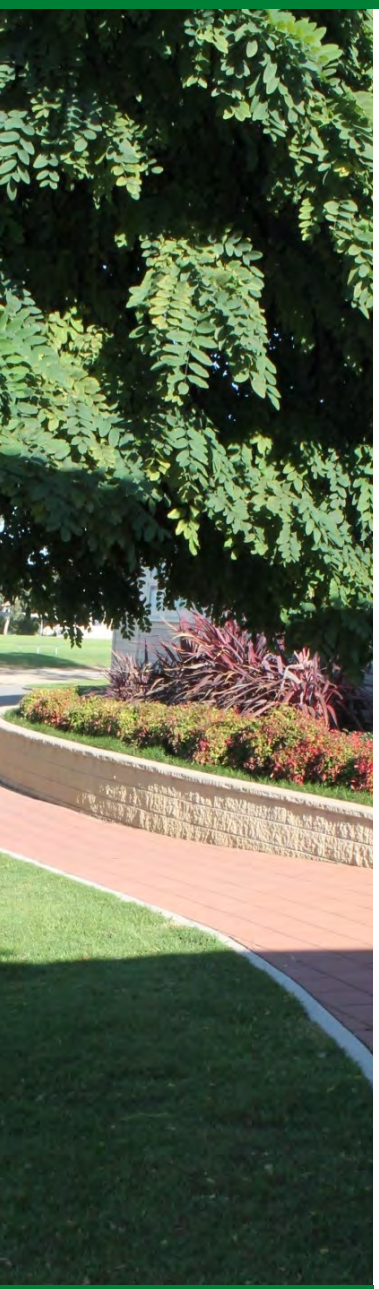
BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter



Welcome to the 2022 school year. I hope you have had a relaxing summer break and had the opportunity to enjoy time with family. While COVID-19 has impacted the start of our school year, we are excited to welcome all students back to school, either face to face, or online. We particularly welcome our new Year 7 and Year 8 students and their parents, to our high school community. It is an exciting time for our Year 7 and 8 students as they begin their journey at high school, and explore the different subjects and opportunities that high school offers. With our Year 7 students now joining high school, our school enrolments for 2022 total 287.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students of 2021, who produced outstanding SACE results due to their hard work and commitment, not just through their Year 12, but throughout their schooling. Congratulations to Lili Jaensch, who received our highest ATAR of 90.50. Jayce Dimitriadis also achieved excellent results, just below the 90 score. Most students who applied for university placements were successful in receiving an offer. The support provided by our staff, to help students achieve the results they are aiming for, shows the commitment and hard work our staff provide to help students achieve their best.

Welcome to our new teachers who have contracts with us this year; Matilda Berry (Science), Tanysha Bolger (English), Amy Manfield (English and HASS), Daniel Tseng (HASS and PE), Chelsea Watts (Science and PE) and welcome back to Rebecca Collins (Home Ec). Welcome also to our new school support staff, Laura Excell and Izzie Damin, who will support some of our new students.

There are a number of COVID-19 restrictions that are still in place in school settings. Limiting visitors to our sites, mask wearing, social distancing and staying at home for even the slightest signs of being unwell, are important to keep our school community safe. The requirement to wear face masks when indoors can be difficult for some people, but our students have taken this in their stride and quickly followed the example set by our staff in staying masked up. Medical exemptions can be arranged through local doctors for those who are unable to do so.

Other restrictions that have been put in place across all schools is the movement of students out of the school eg excursions and larger events, until the end of week 4. This has resulted in making some difficult decisions regarding our early school events.

With these restrictions in place, our annual swimming carnival and interschool swimming carnival have had to be cancelled, and our students will not be participating in the SSSSA Swimming. While this is not ideal, we look forward to being able to run swimming carnivals next year.

Over the holidays there have been some facilities upgrades with new bench tops in some of the science labs and the greatly anticipated poultry facility for Agriculture has commenced.

Alicia Keatley
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

14 All students return to school
22 School Photos
25 Standards Day

MARCH

4 Sports Day
14 Adelaide Cup Holiday

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country, the Potaruwutj people and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respect to elders – past, present and emerging.

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New Student Support Staff

Laura Excell

My name is Laura Excell. I am born and bred in Bordertown, I grew up on a cereal & sheep farm near the SA/VIC border.
I attended Bordertown Primary school and then continued onto Bordertown High, graduating in 2001.
I worked locally on various farming enterprises before settling at Carol Murrays Children's Centre where I studied part time and gained a Diploma in Children's Services.
I married a local fella, Steve and started a family.
You will also see me around the local pool as a Water Aerobics instructor, Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor.

Izzie Damin

My name is Izzie and I'm a new SSO at BHS. I grew up in Bordertown so I know the school quite well.

I'm going to have to remind myself I'm a staff member now and not a student. The last couple of years I've been working in Nhill at the college in a similar role. I love working with kids and helping them reach their full potential.

I enjoy cooking and spending time with family and friends. Anytime I get the chance, I love exploring lakes and rivers.

Matilda Berry

Hi, I'm Matilda Berry. This year I'll be teaching Science and Biology at Bordertown High School.
I previously obtained a Bachelor of Health Science (Pharmacology, Neuroscience, Physiology) and a Bachelor of Commerce (Corporate Finance) from The University of Adelaide.
It's a bit of a mixed bag of tricks but hopefully one that will provide some value in the classroom and school environment.
I enjoy the great outdoors and have been playing netball for Mundulla Netball Club for the last few years.
Given I'm now located between Bordertown and Keith, I'm also a little involved in the Keith community where I'm a director on the board of the Keith and Districts Community Bendigo Bank.
I consider it a privilege to be teaching at Bordertown High School this year and I look forward to working with the students, staff and families involved. I hope to see you all soon!

Daniel Tseng

My name is Daniel Tseng and I am honoured to have this opportunity to teach at Bordertown High School.
I am originally from Taiwan and moved to Australia for my Master's Degree 5 years ago. Although I've been here for a while, I'm still learning about the Australian culture.
I taught in the NT and QLD before I moved back to SA. I moved to Bordertown at the end of 2021, and I'm still exploring this lovely town and meeting people.
When I am not working, I spend lots of time with my little Frenchie, Eddie. Please say hi to him when you see us walking on the street.
I am currently teaching HASS and PE. I am looking forward to helping my students out and getting to know the Bordertown community.

Tanysha Bolger

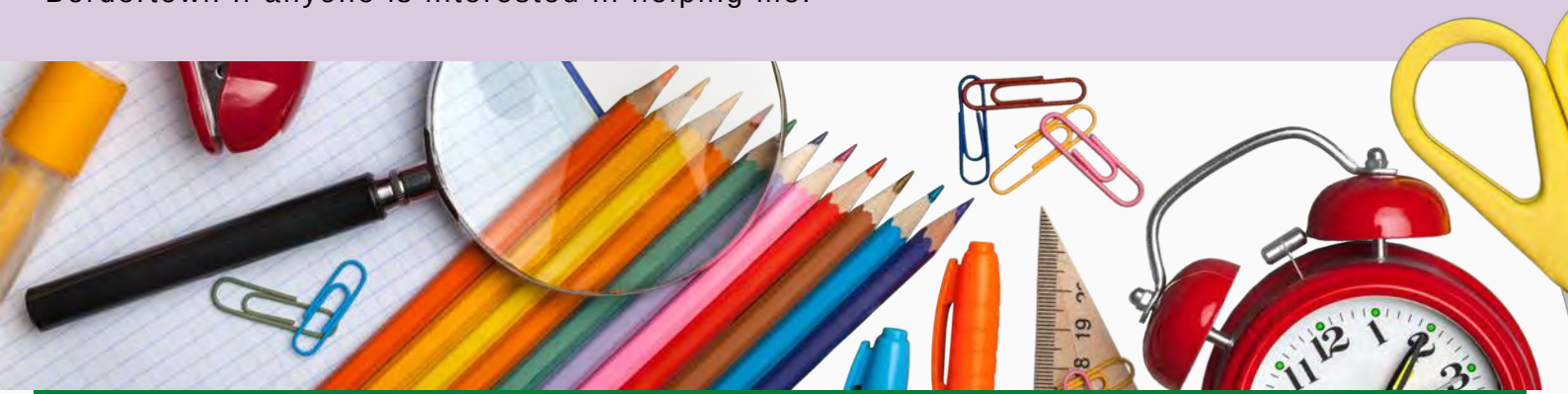
My name is Tanysha Bolger, I have a Bachelor of Journalism and a Masters of Teaching.
I've taught in the Eyre Peninsula, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.
This year I am teaching Year 7, 8 and 10 English.
I've travelled to 26 different countries and I enjoy hiking, camping, travelling and photography when I can.
I hope to be involved in the community through volunteering.

Amy Manfield

Hello, my name is Amy Manfield and I will be teaching a combination of English and HASS subjects at Bordertown High School.
I grew up in Adelaide and completed a double degree of Education and Arts at the University of Adelaide in 2018. I have spent the last three years teaching in schools around Brisbane.
I would like to get involved within the community by joining a sports team. I have grown up playing netball, hockey and softball and have always loved being a part of a club's community.
I am really looking forward to this year at Bordertown High School.

Chelsea Watts

My name is Chelsea Watts, this year I am teaching Year 8 and 9 PE, Year 9 and 10 Science and Year 8 Homegroup.
I studied Bachelor of Education (Physical Education) majoring in PE and minoring in Health and Outdoor Education, at the University of Ballarat. I graduated in 2012 as a Golden Key recipient.
Since then I worked at Kaniva College for 4 years teaching PE, Health, Outdoor Ed, Ag and VCAL. I left Kaniva to work at Keith Area School from 2017 - 2021 where I taught Home Economics with Mrs. Keatley and Ag. I am really looking forward to my year at Bordertown High School.
I grew up in Kaniva, but my mothers family is from Bordertown. Dick Rogers is my grandfather, John and Ann Jenkin are my aunty and uncle. My mother was Debra Rogers (so you all know where I fit in). My husband Brenten and I have lived in Bordertown since 2017 and really love living here. I play hockey for Mundulla Women and own Highway Swimming with Chelsea, so I teach swimming after school. I'd love to get Badminton started in Bordertown if anyone is interested in helping me.



Tatiara Pedal Prix Group
Race Season 2022

Expression of Interest

Dear Students & Families,
We are seeking expressions of interest for Year 6 Primary school students and Years 7-11 High school students to join our 2022 Pedal Prix Team.

Pedal Prix provides a great opportunity to promote team building, self-discipline, fitness and personal best. Students will take part in 3 race meets during the season, riding specially designed racing bikes on designated circuit tracks. Pedal Prix provides an alternative to the usual mainstream sports and is a family-friendly event.

Our group is managed by volunteers and rely on family support and assistance during the year to ensure we have a successful race season. Students will be involved in training sessions leading up to each race meet and **attendance is compulsory.** This allows adequate fitness levels required to enable sustainable riding in the bike.

Due to the staggered school starting times could all interested students and families please send a text with a family contact person and child's name to Nat Leipold-Brown 0427 119 691. Please respond by Friday 11th Feb to assist with bike registrations.

An information session will then take place with all interested families notified. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Pedal Prix and ask questions so that you can make an informed decision with your child.

Please note:
AT THIS STAGE THE RACE SEASON IS GOING AHEAD BUT RACE MEETS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO CHANGING COVID RESTRICTIONS.