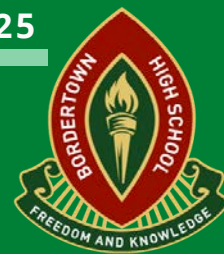


BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Respect
Integrity
Excellence



As we start term 4, we are celebrating our year 12 students and wishing them every success as they finalise their assessments and sit their exams. It is always exciting to see another groups of young adults complete their studies and plan their future pathways into a successful adulthood. While students had some celebrations on the last day of term 3, official lessons finished last week and year 12s were celebrated by staff and students creating a farewell arch which ran from the carpark to the front of the school. It was great to see the smiles on the faces of year 12 students as moved through this arch and out of school. We wish our year 12 students every success with their exams and look forward to celebrating their achievements at our Presentation Evening on Tuesday 9th December.

This term we welcome Jacob Luo, taking on a Youth Worker role supporting Tailored Learning students, as well as other students we feel could benefit from some support. At this stage Jacob is only here for the term, but he is already getting to know students and finding out a little more about our school and community. Jacob works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

As we approach the end of the year, our school just seems to get busier. There are a number of sporting events on over the next few weeks, as well as camps for a number of year levels. It is also the time of year that year 10s and 11s are completing their studies and are eager to leave for the year. Parents of year 11 and 10 students will be receiving emails shortly to explain end of year procedures, in relation to final weeks of lessons and expectations about attendance at school. We ask for support from families that students are at school until their final day, as learning will be continuing during this time.

Our recent parent teacher interviews in week 2 saw a number of parents take the opportunity to speak to their child's teachers about their learning. While it was great to see these parents, it would be great to see a larger number of families in the future. If you have had issues booking interviews, please let the front office know, so this can be resolved before next year.

Along with the parent teacher interviews, we launched our Refresh of Vision and Values with a Food 4 thought booth. While we have had some good conversations with parents that attended the interviews, we are looking for more feedback. The display and surveys are in our front office and I encourage you to take a little time to drop in and have your say about our values, and fill in the survey.

Our staff have also started a deeper dive into the important drivers for our school. Our staff meeting this week saw the Vision and Values project support team from Adelaide guide our staff in unpacking individual and group beliefs of our school purpose and direction. We look forward to increasing our consultation around our Refresh of Vision and Values over the coming weeks.

Alicia Keatley
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

STUDENT FREE DAY

MONDAY 17TH
NOVEMBER

Please see Term 4
timetable on the last
page of this
newsletter.



Bucket hats are worn at school during term 4.
School shorts are required to have a minimum 10 cm
inner seam.

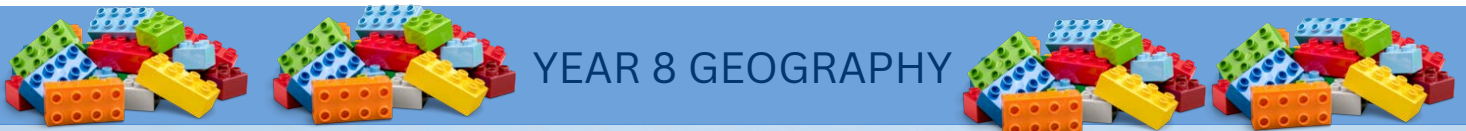
We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country, the Potaruwutj people and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respect to elders – past, present and emerging.

STAFFING

Jacob Luo - Youth Worker, Tailored Learning

I'm a Youth Worker with a background in Social Work. I'm passionate about supporting young people, building positive relationships, and helping them feel confident and valued in their school life. I look forward to meeting students and helping them in their life endeavours.

Jacob Luo



In Geography, Year 8 students put their problem-solving and teamwork skills to the test in a Lego Landforms Challenge. Working with a partner or in a small group, students were tasked with recreating a naturally occurring landform using only Lego. This required them to think critically about the shape, scale, and key features of their chosen landform, while also working collaboratively with others.

The classroom quickly became chaotic and innovative, with students constructing mountains, volcanoes, beaches, valleys, and other striking landforms.

The challenge wasn't always easy, students had to overcome limited resources and figure out how to best represent natural structures in Lego form. However, they rose to the challenge, showing impressive creativity and cooperation.



The end results were excellent and most importantly, students had a great deal of fun and left the activity with a stronger grasp of geographical concepts.

Renae Bower
HASS Teacher



School Based Apprenticeship (SBA) Student Spotlight

Ted Moore - Year 11

I am doing a school based apprenticeship at All Ag and Auto. The course is a Certificate 3 in Agricultural Mechanical Technology. It covers heavy ag vehicles and hydraulic systems. School based apprenticeships are a good option for students that want to get into the workforce part time.

Ted



MOUNT GAMBIER SHOW

What a way to the finish the show circuit for 2025 at the Mt Gambier show. We ventured down with 10 year 9 students and 4 steers. A couple more experienced students took it in their stride to help a lot of the others to prepare and handle cattle in their very first show.

We are so proud of how our little team helped each other out.
Thankyou Nigel Eylward for carting the steers.

Results

Heavy weight class

- 1 Belmore Vroom Vroom donated by the Withers family led by Emmy
- 2 Watinga Vinnie donated by the Hagger family led by Beth
- 3 Limek Valentino donated by the Modra family led by Will

🏆 RESERVE CHAMPION steer 🏆

- 🏆 Belmore Vroom Vroom donated by the Withers family



Novice handlers class

Heat 1

- 1 Loveleen

Heat 2

- 2 Chi Chi

Heat 3

- 2 Adam
- 3 Jess

FINAL - honourable mention - Loveleen


Experienced Handler

- 2 Emmy



NARACOORTE SHOW

Fantastic day out at the Naracoorte Show, with ribbons and smiles all round. Well done to the 12 students who attended in either sheep judging, cattle handling, junior judging or all 3. The commitment, dedication and professionalism from these students is to be commended and they have been rewarded. We are proud of you all. Thankyou to the parents who helped and Jason Foote for carting cattle - Mrs McCarthy/Mrs Altus

Wethers


-  - Best pair of wethers on hoof (donated by James and Tammy Weckert) led by Sarah and Chloe.

Wether Handlers



-  - Ella
-  - Beth
- 4th - Sarah

Cattle paraders



Novice class

-  - Jess


Intermediate class Heat 1

-  - Beth
-  - Erin

Intermediate class Heat 2



-  - Emmy
-  - Ebony

Experienced Class

-  - Jacqui




Steer Classes


-  Limek Valentino - donated by the Modra family led by Lexi
-  Belmore Vroom Vroom - donated by Belmore shorthorns led by Ebony

Junior Judging (Fleece, Meat sheep, cattle)

Meat Sheep

-  - Erin
- Finalist - Khloe

Cattle

-  - Emmy

Finalist - Erin, Sarah, Will



Most Successful School Team

Erin, Sarah, Khloe

Facilities Upgrades

TECHNICAL STUDIES

Our technical studies area has recently undergone upgrades to the flooring. This was a major task, involving removing all of the heavy equipment. While all of the heavy equipment was removed the walls were also prepped and painted. This would not have been possible without the help of our Design and Technology students who were involved in cleaning the walls, cutting in around doors windows and power points and rolling on a fresh new coat of paint. The floor looks amazing.

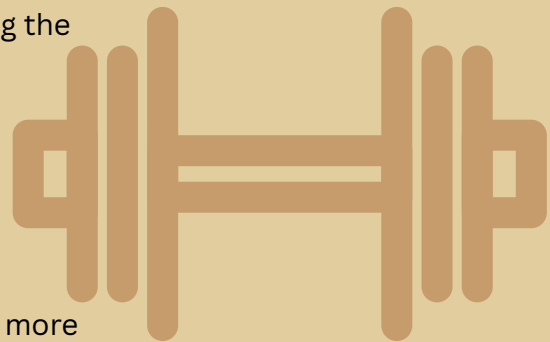
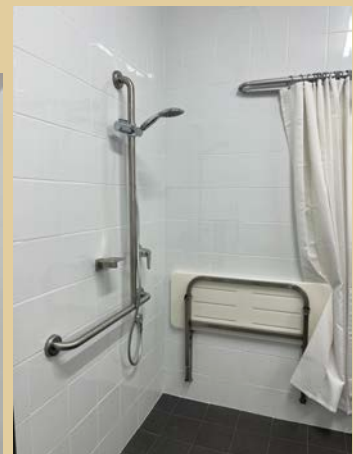


All of our dust extraction units were also upgraded. This area is now a lot more functional for students and staff utilising the area.



DISABILITY TOILET UPGRADE

The disability access toilet room has also been upgraded, with the room being extended to allow more room and a new hoist, shower area, toilet and bed added to complete this area.



School Bus Driver Wanted



School Bus Driver Position

Bordertown High School is seeking a reliable and dedicated School Bus Driver to join our team!

You will play a vital role in ensuring the safe and timely transportation of students to and from our school site.

Position type

Casual employment (Relief driver as required for back fill of current staff)

Responsibilities

- Safely drive the school bus using judgement and care in response to the road, weather and driving conditions.
- Ensure the safety of students and other approved passengers, whilst they enter, exit and travel on the school bus, which includes assisting students and other approved passengers with disabilities (where applicable) to get on and off the bus, as well as monitoring the general behaviour of students.
- Follow an approved route to pick up and transport school children and approved passengers.
- Obey the Speed limit and all road laws, rules, and regulations at all times.
- Conduct a full bus inspection at the end of each trip/journey to ensure No student remains on the bus.
- Complete a pre-journey checklist before and after each journey
- Maintain a clean and sanitary bus (inside and out) at all times.
- Deliver the school bus to the servicing garage to undertake maintenance inspections.
- Contribute to maintaining a healthy work environment by taking personal accountability by identifying and reports incidents, hazards and injuries in accordance with Department for Education policies and procedures.

Requirements

Minimum of LR South Australian Driver's License (As bus is a 24-seater)

Minimum DIT Large Passenger Driver Accreditation.

Working with Children Check

National Police Clearance

Be an up standing citizen with good morals.

Benefits

A supportive work environment with a focus on safety

A flexible work environment with a work-life balance

Providing an essential service to your local community

If this position is a good fit for you please send a short application to dl.0894.info@schools.sa.edu.au

For direct enquiries please call Alicia Keatley or Melissa Belluzzo on 87 521 455 during school hours.

School Magazine Orders



2025 School Magazine
Available to order now on Qkr
-Delivery in 2024-

[2025 Bordertown High School Magazine Orders are Now Open](#)

The Bordertown High School Magazine is filled with photos of friendships, special moments, sports day, swimming carnival, academic achievements, camps, excursions and school events. It is a snapshot of your child's journey and growth through their year at school.

Order your child a copy now on [Qkr](#)

(If you missed out on a 2024 magazine and you would still like one, please drop into the front office as we have some extras).



From 10 December, you will need to be 16 or over to have an account on social media.

For more details go to [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

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Community Notices



Parent Workshop

Monday 24th November
6:15-7pm
Bordertown Primary School Library
RSVP via the front office 8752 1888

Dolly's Dream

SUPPORTING PARENTS

Dolly's Dream workshop on Parenting in the Digital Age supports parents and carers understand how bullying and online usage can affect their children and young people. Exploring practical ways to provide support, focusing on open communication and building resilience at home.

Why?
As internet usage is at an all-time high, we need to know how to protect our children and young people from the various online risks. By understanding the effects of bullying, we can create a safe environment that encourages empathy and respect, helping our kids feel supported and valued.

By participating parents/carers will have a deeper understanding of:

- the emotional and mental effects of both online and offline bullying
- the proper channels for reporting harmful content on social media
- insights into current trends and safety strategies in young people's online interactions.
- effective communication skills to support open discussions with their children.
- strategies that can be used at home that nurture respect, empathy, and resilience



www.dollysdream.org

BORDERTOWN SPRING FESTIVAL & SHOW

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2025

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRIES

Acrylic and Oil
Mixed Media
Water Colour, Pen and Wash
Works on Paper
Abstract
Mosaic, Any Item
Brushes & Bevvies or Paint & Sip (*Products created at the Brushes & Bevvies and/or Paint & Sip Classes.*)
Macrame Item
Knitted or Crochet Item
Handmade Greeting or Birthday Card
Handmade Dream Catcher
Decorated Boot, Shoe or Thong
Decorated Hat



Grow It. Make It. Bake It. Show It.



TATIARA COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Building Stronger Families Together!
Tatiara District Council and Smiles All Round are excited to announce a series of **FREE** practical workshops designed to strengthen family relationships, boost mental health, and resilience.

Smiles ALL ROUND

These workshops are a fantastic opportunity to learn strategies and tools for supporting your family's wellbeing. Join us in creating a stronger, healthier community!
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!!

WED 7 MAY 2025
Teaching Kids Emotions: Understanding and managing emotions. Learning how connection, communication, playing, a safe home and community can foster strong mental health.

WED 11 JUNE 2025
Growing Resilient Kids & Families: Understanding the brain science behind emotions and how and why strategies work.

WED 30 JULY 2025
Communication is the Key: Ways to foster positive connections and healthy relationships with our children in everyday life, routines and activities.

WED 27 AUG 2025
Be Curious, Be Reflective: We delve into what is behind our behaviours, emotions and reactions. We explore what drives our children's behaviour and tuning into their needs and our own!

WED 22 OCT 2025
Planning ahead for hectic times and school transitions: Practical ways to plan ahead for hectic times of the day, transition and new situations, to help things run smoother.

SINGLE TICKET REGISTRATION- SCAN QR CODE OR GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.STICKYTICKETS.COM.AU/](https://www.sticktickets.com.au/) & ENTER THE WORKSHOP NAME IN 'FIND TICKETS'
Registration essential for catering purposes. Practical resources and supper provided.

6.45PM - 8.30PM

CONFERENCE ROOM, BORDERTOWN CIVIC CENTRE

SMILES ALL ROUND
admin@smilesalaround.com.au
p.0430 022 705

TO REGISTER FOR ALL 5 WORKSHOPS SCAN HERE



This series of workshops is proudly funded by the Department of Human Services

BORDERTOWN SPRING FESTIVAL & SHOW

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRIES

Clay Work
Any Sewn Article
Any Article Depicting Theme of Show - Grow It, Make It, Bake It, Show It.
Any other craft not listed
Any Item Using Lego - Kit Form or Own Design
Any Other Construction Meccano, K'nex, Connectix etc
Cubicles
(Cubicles is to be displayed on a tea towel and to have only 3 items. The criteria is to Make something, Bake something and Grow something.)
Photography of Clouds, Farm Life Cropping, Scene, Shearing etc, Landscape, Party/Holiday, Sunset/Sunrise and/or Own Choice.
Cookery, Horticulture, Fresh Produce
Metalwork Project, Woodwork Project

Check out our show book or keep up to date on socials or visit bordertownshow.org.au for more info

TERM CALENDAR

Term 4, 2025						
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
1 Oct	13	14	15	16	17	18/19 Oct
2 Oct	20	21 Parent Teacher Meetings	22 RAP Yr10-12 Mt Gambier Show	23 Mt Gambier Show	24	25/26 Oct
3 Oct	27 RST Workshop	28 7/8 Boys Cricket RST Workshop	29	30	31	1/2 Nov
4 Nov	3	4	5	6	7	8/9 Nov
5 Nov	10	11 Yr 8 Noora Yo Long Camp	12 Yr 8 Noora Yo Long Camp	13 Yr 8 Noora Yo Long Camp	14 Yr 12 Formal	15/16 Nov
6 Nov	17 STUDENT FREE DAY	18 Year 10 Work Experience	19 Year 10 Work Experience	20 Year 10 Work Experience	21 Year 10 Work Experience	22/23 Nov
7 Nov	24	25	26 Yr 9/10 Aquatics Camp	27 Yr 9/10 Aquatics Camp	28 Yr 9/10 Aquatics Camp	29/30 Nov
8 Dec	1	2	3	4 Yr 10 Round Tables	5 Yr 10 Round Tables	6/7 Dec
9 Dec	8 Yr 7 Camp Group 1	9 Presentation Night Yr 7 Camp Group 1	10 Yr 7 Camp Group 2	11 Yr 7 Camp Group 2	12 Early Dismissal 2:25	13/14 Dec
Hols Dec	15	16	17	18	19	20/21 Dec
Hols Dec	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 BOXING DAY	27/28 Jan
Hols Jan	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3/4 Jan
Hols Jan	5	6	7	8	9	10/11 Jan
Hols Jan	12	13	14	15	16	17/18 Jan
Hols Jan	19	20	21	22	23	24/25 Jan