

BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Respect
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Term 2 has seen some changes to our staffing. Mrs Matilda Berry has returned 2 days a week and Mrs Kate McCarthy has increased to 3 days a week, while Miss Lauren Kirk has increased her teaching to 2 classes. These changes have allowed us to cover all classes, rather than utilising a permanent relief teacher and reduce the constant changes in teachers.

Late last term we advertised for a new Assistant Principal overseeing years 7-9, to start in term 3. Miss Chantelle Lucas will be joining our staff in term 2 and will be a valuable addition to our teaching and leadership team.

The start of the term has seen our Year 11 Careers Camp and Year 12 PE Camp, Cattle Handlers camp for Agriculture, as well as football. While we know our students are well behaved, it is great to get feedback that praises our students for their behaviour, engagement in the activities and general approach to the activities that have been organised. Well done to all of the students involved in these activities, especially in the way they have taken up opportunities and to our supervising staff who give extra time when providing these opportunities.

Our next Pupil Free Day will be Friday 6th June. Teaching staff will be visiting other sites focusing on their goals they have identified in relation to our Site Learning Plan. The school is focusing on "Effective Learners", one of the four Areas of Impact of the Strategy for Public Education. Our SSO's have been given the opportunity to connect and learn from other sites, exploring how other sites support different students. As a reasonably small school, this is a great opportunity for all staff to explore different sites and bring back ideas and learnings to assist our teaching practices.

Thank you to parents who were able to attend parent teacher interviews. Please remember, you do not have to wait until parent teacher interviews if you would like to speak with a teacher. Please contact the front office and they will be happy to help you.

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- 4th Yr 7 / 8 Basketball
- 5th SSSA Cross Country
- 6th Student Free Day
- 9th Public Holiday
- 16th Yr 11/12 Basketball
- 19th Yr 7 / 8 Netball
- 26th Yr 7 Monarto Safari
- 30th Elevate Yr 10-12

Alicia Keatley
Principal

IMPORTANT

All students need permission to leave school grounds and require notes if arriving late.

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



HOME ECONOMICS

The year 8's completed their final practical this term. The brief was to make a lunch parcel option which included as many sections of the Eatwell plate as possible. Students enjoyed wraps, sushi and pizza. They worked so well in groups to complete their practical end enjoyed the outcome of their work. It was such a great way to end our elective.

Amy Heinjus - Home Economics teacher



Australian Guide to Healthy Eating



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Year 8 DigiTech students have been diving into robotics learning with the Elecbreaks Wonder Kit and BBC micro:bit, building and programming their own robotic creations. The initiative has sparked excitement and creativity as students complete a series of increasingly complex robotics challenges.

Using the Wonder Kit's modular components, which are similar to Lego Technic and the micro:bit, a programmable pocket-sized computer, students have brought a variety of machines to life using block code in Microsoft MakeCode. Projects all students have worked through include line-following robots that re-route themselves in real time and automatic doors that respond to motion via ultrasonic sensors.

Tasha, Sophia, Mia and Sophie have even successfully engineered a robotic arm controlled remotely by a gamepad, demonstrating a deep understanding of servo motors and wireless communication.

These projects not only build technical skills in coding and electronics, but also foster teamwork, problem-solving and real-world application of engineering principles.

Students are now brainstorming their next innovations for a battle bot competition in the final week of the trimester.

Mr Illman
Digital Technologies Teacher



Breakfast

Breakfast Club is held every Thursday (and most Tuesdays) with around 30 students attending each week. Serving hot Milos and toast, with a warm smile, Mrs Redden and Cathy have been working hard to ensure that all our students have access to a yummy breakfast. Student's learn better when they have had breakfast in the morning, and it is wonderful to see so many students using Breakfast Club to have a positive start to the day.

Thank you to our wonderful supporters, including businesses around town, staff who step in to assist when needed, and most importantly, the students who make Breakfast Club such a welcoming space.

Mrs Anderson



Year 9 Home Economics

PROTEIN COOKING AND MEAT FREE

Students in year 9 spent their time in Home Economics this trimester learning how to pack flavour and nutrients into their cooking without the addition of meat. There were some hits and misses.

Students had to cook their own dish which was protein rich and meat free. They did a fabulous job with many different dishes created.

Well done.

Mrs Heinjus
Home Economics Teacher



Year 11 Careers Trip

Last week we spent a week in Adelaide where we got to see first hand what it would be like to attend University, Tafe or be involved in the ADFA (Australian Defence Force Academy). We also experienced catching public transport and city life for a week.

On Monday we went to the Uni SA City East Campus where we had a tour that included the physiotherapy, pharmacy, nursing and human movement facilities. We also visited they City West Campus where we got experience creative art class, which focused on illustration and animation. We all had a bit of fun and let our creative sides come out during the activities. We also had a tour of the Adelaide University.

Tuesday we visited the Uni SA Magill Campus which had interesting green screen, production, radio and podcasting facilities.

At the defense force we learnt about all of the benefits and fun experiences that they have to offer. We got a tour at Aquinas Residential College where we were also supplied with dinner which was a difference experience for us all.

Wednesday was TAFE day. We went out to Tonsley TAFE, we learnt about the different trade pathways there are and had a tour of the massive campus. We had lunch at Lincoln residential college and got a tour of the campus. We then went to Adelaide TAFE which specialises in beauty, fashion, medical and IT.

Thursday we visited and toured the different Flinders Campuses, starting at Bedford Park where we took part in a law and criminology class and then out to their Tonsley Campus where we were involved in a mechanical engineering activity challenge that turned into a fun competition.

Friday we attended the Careers Expo at the Wayville Showgrounds where we talked to people already in the careers that interest us and took advantage of the freebies.

Overall, it was a great week and we gained so much knowledge about life at university, TAFE or the Defence Force.

Madeline Mead and Hadley Davis
Year 11 students



YEAR 7 CERAMIC SPOONS
With Sgraffito technique



THANK YOU



Cafe La Vie

A huge thank you to Cafe La Vie for supplying lunches each week for some of our students.

If you would like to help Cafe La Vie, continue to supply these meals they have a donation box on their front bench. What a great community we live in!

SCHOOL SURVEY

Bordertown High School are reviewing their communication methods to determine the most effective methods of communication for general school information.

We would appreciate if all families could complete the survey.

Thank you.

To access the survey you can scan the QR card with your camera or visit the [survey](#) online.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Tatiara
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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 20 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 23 OCT 2025
Planning ahead for hectic times and school transitions: Practical ways to plan ahead for hectic times of the day, transitions and new situations, to help things run smoothly.

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

6.45PM - 8.30PM

CONFERENCE ROOM, BORDERTOWN CIVIC CENTRE

SMILES ALL ROUND
admin@smilesallround.com.au
0430 022 735

TO REGISTER FOR ALL 5 WORKSHOPS SCAN HERE



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

CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET



Scan the QR code below to learn about the symptoms and steps to take after a head injury



Visit the GCP web site for further information about concussion, including booking an appointment online: <https://www.goodcountryphysio.com.au/concussion-service>

Term 2, 2025

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
1 May	28	29	30 Cattle Handlers Workshop Yr10	1 Cattle Handlers Workshop Yr10	2	3/4 May
2 May	5 Yr 11 Careers Trip	6 Yr 11 Careers Trip Parent/Teacher Meetings RST Workshop	7 Yr 11 Careers Trip Yr 12 PE Camp RST Workshop	8 Yr 11 Careers Trip Yr 12 PE Camp Yr 7 & Yr 10 Immunisations	9 Yr 11 Careers Trip Yr 12 PE Camp	10/11 May
3 May	12	13 Yr 9/10 Football	14 WEC Survey Yr7-12	15	16	17/18 May
4 May	19 Open Access 11:30-1	20 ACARA Trial Yr7&8	21	22 Open Football Naracoorte	23	24/25 May
5 May	26 RST Automotive Yr 9-12	27 Yr 7/8 Rap, Rhyme & Poetry RST Workshop	28 SEZ Cross Country Naracoorte RST Workshop	29	30	31/1 June
6 June	2	3	4 Yr 7/8 Basketball Naracoorte	5 SSSA Cross Country Oakbank	6 STUDENT FREE DAY	7/8 June
7 June	9 KING'S BIRTHDAY	10	11 RST Workshop	12 RST Workshop	13	14/15 June
8 June	16 Yr 11/12 Basketball Naracoorte	17	18	19 Yr 7/8 Netball Mt Gambier	20	21/22 June
9 June	23	24	25	26 Yr 7 Monarto Safari Park	27	28/29 June
10 July	30 Elevate Year 10-12	1	2	3 Adelaide Uni	4 Early Dismissal 2:25	5/6 July
Hole July	7	8	9	10	11	12/13 July
Hole July	14	15	16	17	18	19/20 July