

BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear families,

It has been fantastic to see our students finally playing on the playground over the last week. While there are a couple of jobs to be completed this week, the playground will be open most days and students are enjoying this new facility. The swing will remain closed for a longer period, while we give the new turf a chance to take root once it has been laid this week.

The official opening of the new playground will be Wednesday 2nd September at 9.00am. We have pre-emptively postponed our original date, due to the upcoming weather forecast. After the opening, there will be the opportunity to take a tour of the school, capably led by our SRC students. If you would like to take up this opportunity to see what is happening at school, please join us for the opening and school tour.

Our term has already been very busy with 7/8 Netball and Football, 9/10 Netball, 7-9 Girls Football, 11/12 Netball, 10-12 Hockey and a SE Merino Field Days excursion. Congratulations to our 9/10 Netball team who are progressing to the finals in Adelaide; along with our 7-9 Girls Football and 7/8 Football, who are all progressing to their next rounds.

This term our second group of Year 10 students are participating in the Youth Opportunities program each Thursday. This opportunity is supported by generous donations from our community and I would like to acknowledge Tatiara District Council, Rotary Club of Bordertown, Good Country Community Op Shop and JBS Swift for their support of our students and understanding the importance of developing our young people to be the best that they can be. This funding supports more students being able to be involved in the program and reduces the overall cost, which we are very grateful for. If other organisations are interested in supporting this program, please approach the school and we can discuss this.

At our recent student free day, staff participated in our second day of the Berry Street Education Model training. This session focused on the importance of relationships and supporting students when they are not ready to learn. Over the remainder of the year, our learning from the Berry Street model will help guide our planning for 2027.

We are continuing to plan for 2027 and are pleased that we have been able to appoint two new leaders to join our leadership team from next year. Chelsea Watts will be joining us as the Future Pathways Coordinator and Cassie Munro will be returning as the Wellbeing and Inclusive Education Assistant Principal.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES



Mon 10th August
Year 12 SATAC Information Night
Wed 12th August
Year 9-11 SACE and VET Information Night
Wednesday 26th August
Year 9-11 Subject Counselling Appointments

See the term calendar on the last page for all term dates.



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Principal's Report cont...

Parents will shortly receive our annual letter asking you to indicate your intentions for your child(ren) attending Bordertown High School in 2027. We ask that these letters are returned promptly so that we can continue to plan for next year.

Parents of Years 9-11 will also be receiving letters about our SACE Information Evening. We encourage you to come along and find out more information about SACE and options for your child to study in 2027. Subject counselling is also happening shortly, and we invite parents into these conversations about your child and their future.

We hope you have a great term.

Alicia Keatley
Principal

Book Week - Week 6, the 22nd - 28th August

Book Week will be held in Week 6, Term 3.

The theme is Symphony of Stories.

If you would like to check out the shortlisted books, you can find them on the CBCA website. As part of Book Week celebrations, students will enjoy a range of activities:

- A dress up day. Students may come dressed as their favourite book character. Prizes for best dressed. Date to be confirmed.
- We will be viewing the Bordertown Primary School dress up parade. A group of students will travel out to Mundulla Primary School to do some activities and reading with their students.
- Each Home Group will be making a door decoration on the theme of Book Week - Symphony of Stories. There will be prizes for best design and originality.



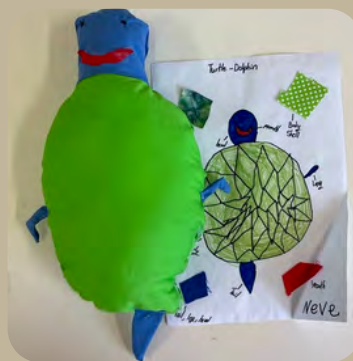
Year 9 Textiles - Buddy Task

Last term, our Year 9 Textiles class had the wonderful opportunity to collaborate with Mrs Hillier's Reception class from Bordertown Primary School.

Earlier in the term, our students met with their reception buddies, who each designed a unique sea creature by combining two different sea animals in a drawing.

The Year 9 students were then challenged to bring these imaginative designs to life by creating patterns, selecting the fabrics their buddies had chosen, and sewing each creature by hand and machine.

With our smaller Year 9 class, each student created between one and three sea creatures. I also had the opportunity to join in and make a few creatures myself!



During the final week of Term 2, Mrs Hillier's class visited us to present each Reception student with their finished sea creature. It was wonderful to see the excitement on their faces as they received their creations. We also enjoyed reading books together and sharing homemade muffins for morning tea.

This project was a fantastic way for our students to develop their sewing skills while demonstrating creativity, teamwork, and community connections. I am incredibly proud of the care and effort our Year 9 students put into making each Reception student's design a reality.

Mrs Toogood
Home Economics Teacher



Digestive and Respiratory Systems

Students have been learning about the Digestive and Respiratory System in Science this term. Thanks to generous donations from Richards Butchers, the Year 8 students were able to explore internal organs like the trachea, oesophagus, liver, lungs and heart. There were a few queasy tummies, but overall everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to get some hands on experience and real life understanding.

Once again, thanks to Richards Butchers for always supporting activities like this. It is very much appreciated.

Mrs Jenkin and Miss Lim
Year 8 Science Teachers



South East Merino Field Day

The Year 11 Ag class headed to Keith on Wednesday 22nd of July to have a look at the South East Merino Field Day which is the largest merino field day in South Australia.

Students had the opportunity to wander through a diverse range of sheep from both local exhibitors and all across SA. We spoke to a number of breeders about their primary breed objective(s) and the importance of combining the assessment of live animals with the data available. They will now use their information in their first assessment of the Semester.

Mrs McCarthy
Agriculture Teacher



Our school sign has had an upgrade and has moved to the corner of Naracoorte Road and South Terrace. Thanks to Diversity Signs. It looks great!



Community Connections

Students visited the Bordertown Ambulance Station, where they explored an ambulance, learned about the important work of our local ambulance officers, and even had the opportunity to practise some basic first aid skills.

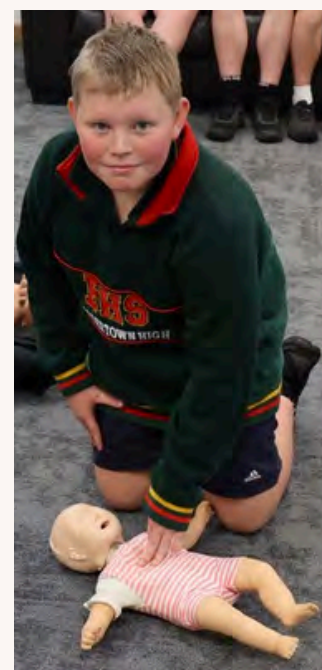
A huge thank you to Carly for organising such an engaging visit, and to Mrs Watts and Mr Mao for supervising the excursion.



We also visited Mundulla Primary School, spending time with the Foundation/Year 1 class on a scavenger hunt through the Mundulla Swamp.

Students loved discovering nature together, with highlights including tasting sour sops, finding fairy gardens, and even getting to pat some friendly geckos!

Mrs Anderson
Community Connections Teacher



Youth Opportunities Program Semester 1

**TO EQUIP YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE FACING DISADVANTAGE,
WITH THE SKILLS, CONFIDENCE, AND HOPE TO MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES,
BREAK CYCLES OF HARDSHIP, AND BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES.**

"My attitude has changed about what I am doing and thinking more positive that has made me proud"



"I have more positive self talk from using my affirmation board. And more social confidence using the q and a method"



"The just do it strategy helped me become more clear and confident to ask questions, ask for help, helping me build up my confidence"

"My proudest moment was when I felt confident for the first time and realised that it will be ok"



"I gained confidence, by ignoring thoughts that are going through my head about what others may be thinking"

make it happen

**YOUTH
OPPORTUNITIES**

"Youth Ops has made my self esteem better, I have learnt to talk positively about myself"



"One of my biggest goals was to gain confidence and better self talk. I saw a huge difference in my self talk, especially after my first meeting with Deb where I was set the challenge of making an affirmation board. Although I still have negative thoughts at times I am now able to focus on my strengths which outweigh my weaknesses using the affirmation board, which is now in my room where I can see it everyday"

Open Knockout Netball

During Week 1, our Open Girls Netball team travelled to Mt Gambier to compete in the Knockout Netball competition. The girls played some great netball, demonstrating teamwork and sportsmanship. They finished the day in 5th place out of 8 teams, and should be proud of efforts and the way they represented the school.

A big thank you to Laura Excell for umpiring and driving the bus.

Miss Grosser



Year 7 / 8 Girls Netball

The 7/8 Netball team played in the knockout competition at Wulanda Sports Centre in Mt Gambier. The girls started the day with an impressive win over St Martins College, followed by closer games against Mt Gambier High and Naracoorte.

Being undefeated in our pool, we then played Millicent in the final with the winner progressing to the state finals in Adelaide.

Millicent came out firing and capitalised on our unforced errors. The girls kept trying, however going down in the end by 8.

Thanks to Jess Wiese for umpiring and to Amy Densley and Kim Parker for scoring each game.



Year 9 / 10 Girls Netball

The 9/10 team played in the knockout competition at Mount Gambier on Monday 3rd August.

The girls started the day well with a good win over St Martins. Closer wins over Grant and Mount Gambier meant a cross over final against Tenison. Tenison were a much stronger, polished side being convincing winners, finishing 2nd means our girls will play in the Division 2 competition state finals in Adelaide in September.

Thankyou to Trina Mock for travelling with the team and umpiring.
Mrs Clarke - Coach





School Crossing

A reminder that walking between parked or moving school buses is EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

- Never walk directly in front of or behind a bus, as the driver has limited vision.
- Wait until the bus has completely pulled away so you can clearly see the road in both directions.
- When dropping off or collecting students, it is expected that adults and students utilise the school crossing.

Uniform

Families are encouraged to review and update your child/ren's school uniform items over the holiday break. We thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in correct uniform.

Please provide a note in your child/ren's diary for any days they are unable to wear the correct school uniform.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

GIRLS	
Dress	Green, Summer, to be worn at an appropriate length
Shorts	Plain black, minimum 10cm inner leg seam length
Pants	Plain black, full length

BOYS	
Shorts	Plain black, mid-length
Pants	Plain black, full length

UNISEX	
Shirt	Bottle green or white, short sleeve polo shirt, with school logo
Jumper	Bottle green, windcheater, ¼ zip, with school logo.
Soft Shell Jacket	Bottle green, with school logo
Scarf	Plain black
Socks	Plain white, black or grey

Shoes	Black lace-up shoes or sneakers. Students must wear shoes with covered in toes and heels in the Science Laboratories, Tech Studies and Home Economics areas.
Hats	Bucket/broad brimmed, Cancer Council recommended, minimum brim width of 6 cm. Worn during Term 1 & 4. Recommended in Term 2 & 3. No inappropriate logos or words, as deemed by the school.

UNISEX	
Casual Sportswear	T-shirts, sport shorts, track pants. No tank top/singlets.
Sports Day/ Swimming Carnival	T-shirts, preferably in school interhouse colours: Glenora - red Callara - green Walamba - blue No tank tops/singlets
School Bag (optional)	The Bordertown High School backpack is available from Navana Clothing.

SPECIAL EVENT ITEMS	
Year 12 Jumper	Designed by students and reviewed annually. At students' cost.
Royal Show	Designed by students and reviewed annually. At students' cost.
Interscholar Sport	Uniforms provided by the school.

NOT ACCEPTABLE	
Excessive jewellery	
Heavy make-up	
Thongs/Crocs, Ugg boots, Steel-capped footwear	
Hooded tops, singlets or tank tops	
Denim, coloured jeans or shorts	
Leggings or bike shorts	
Caps	

Course Counselling for 2027



Applications are now open for Year 10 or 11 students for 2027. You can apply for part-time training in 1 of 4 in-demand industry specialisations:

- Agri Tech (for careers in forestry & primary industries)
- Early Childhood & Education
- Health & Social Support
- Multi Trades (for careers such as plumbers, builders, electricians, boilermakers).

Students in Industry Training Programs will remain enrolled at their school while attending Limestone Coast Technical College (LCTC) for week-long training blocks throughout the year. There is no cost for attending LCTC for public school students, including uniforms. Short-stay accommodation and transport are available for students from the wider Limestone Coast area to access LCTC. There is no cost for these services.

At LCTC, our contemporary facilities and innovative programs are complemented by extensive workplace experience with support from employer partners to ensure that our industry training is relevant and engaging.

Students at LCTC will be supported by a skilled team of educators, trainers and industry partners. Our team will work closely with students to develop their technical and employability skills to contribute towards SACE completion and prepare them for their future careers.

Students will also complete SACE components and receive Coaching and Mentoring through a hybrid-learning model with Limestone Coast Technical College.

Students also have the opportunity for fast-track entry into higher education through Flinders University in Allied Health, Nursing and Education streams.

How to Apply

- Talk to your Pathways / Careers Leader to learn how you can train at the Limestone Coast Technical College while completing your SACE. They will guide you in completing the necessary paperwork and submitting your application. Please note that places are limited and applications will be assessed for entry.
- Limestone Coast Technical College will work with your school on the next steps.
- For entry into Year 11 programs, successful completion of the Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Skills testing is a requirement.

For more information or to submit a Registration of Interest visit www.technicalcolleges.sa.gov.au/career-colleges/limestone-coast-technical-college

School-based Apprenticeships



AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT SERVICES
An Australian Government Initiative

The right career for you starts with an apprenticeship!

Apprenticeships are more than just jobs – they're gateways to rewarding careers. Available to anyone aged 15 and over, these programs span over 500 occupations across a diverse range of industries. Here's why an apprenticeship could be perfect for you:

- Earn while you learn
- Receive a nationally recognised qualification
- Gain hands-on experience
- No HECS-HELP debt
- Flexible pathways

During your training:

Embark on your apprenticeship journey with personalised mentoring, top-notch nationally recognised training, and comprehensive assistance with navigating incentives and benefits.

- ✓ **One-on-one support:** Benefit from personalised mentoring throughout your apprenticeship journey.
- ✓ **Quality education:** We'll connect you with a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) to ensure you receive top-notch, nationally recognised training.
- ✓ **Claims assistance:** We'll help you navigate incentives and benefits, making sure you get the support you're entitled to.

Ready to transform your career?

Don't let this opportunity pass you by. The right career is waiting for you, and Mas National is here to help you find it.



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MIND	BODY	SPIRIT
MEMORY RETENTION	BALANCE	PATIENCE
CONFIDENCE	COORDINATION	RESPECT
SELF CONTROL	FLEXIBILITY	INTEGRITY
PROBLEM SOLVING	MUSCLE TONE	HUMILITY
ADAPTION	ENDURANCE	PERSEVERANCE

BLITZ

Training at Bordertown High School Hall During the SA school terms

Mondays 7-8.30 pm - Zen Do Kai Karate 10+ yrs.

Wednesdays 7-8.15 pm - BJMA Kickboxing 10+ yrs.

Contact: Head Instructor Robyn Miles 0417 873 084

Or find us on Facebook: Bordertown BJMA Martial Arts Club

Email: bordertownbjma@gmail.com

WHOLE SCHOOL COLOUR RUN

Barbeque & Bake sale at lunch - Cash only

FRIDAY WK 5 - 21ST AUGUST

Gold coin donation for casual day

BRING OLD CLOTHES OR A WHITE T-SHIRT

Run starts at 2:30 until the end of the day

Dental Assistant Traineeships

Earn While You Learn

Dear Schools

SA Dental is offering multiple 12-month dental assistant traineeships across the state commencing in January 2027. **Applications are open now and close Thursday 13 August 2026.**

The 12-month Traineeship contract includes on the job training in a SA Dental Clinic and attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate 3 in Dental Assisting, whilst earning a salary.

These traineeships play a major role in developing quality Dental Assistants for the future oral health workforce – please note, these are not school-based traineeships.

For more information on the Dental Assistant Traineeship please visit:

www.dental.sa.gov.au/about/our-services/dental-assistant-traineeships

Thank you in advance for sharing our traineeship information with your community.

SA Dental offers paid Dental Assistant Traineeships at our clinics across SA. Giving you the opportunity to earn while you learn, build real skills, and be part of a team improving the oral health of SA communities.

The traineeship program runs twice a year with applications opening January and July.

Discover traineeship details and eligibility + more here

✉ Health.SADentalRecruitment@sa.gov.au



Term 3, 2026 Planner

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
1 July	20	21	22 Yr 11/12 Netball Yr 11 Ag Field Day	23	24 Yr 7-9 Girls Football	25/26 July
2 July	27	28 Yr 7/8 Boys Football	29	30 Yr 7/8 Netball	31 STUDENT FREE DAY	1 /2 Aug
3 Aug	3 9/10 Netball	4	5 Yr 10-12 Hockey Governing Council 7pm	6	7	8/9 Aug
4 Aug	10 SATAC Info Session 5:30pm	11 Flinders Uni visit Yr 11/12	12 Yr 7/8 Lucindale Junior Judging SACE Info Session 5:30pm MASA Quiz Night	13 Yr 11/12 Boys Soccer Science & Engineering Challenge	14 9/10 Basketball	15/16 Aug
5 Aug	17 Yr 7-9 Girls Football	18 Yr 7/8 Boys Football Employment Expo	19 PreShow BBQ	20 R U OK Activities	21 Colour Run	22/23 Aug
6 Aug	24	25 Youth Opportunities Catchup Lucindale Junior Judging	26	27	28	29/30 Aug
7 Sept	31 ←	1	2 Playground Opening PAT Testing	3 Adelaide Show Cattle	4 Adelaide Show Cattle Yr 7-9 Zoo Trip	5/6 Sept
8 Sept	7 SCHOOL CLOSURE	8 ←	9 Adelaide Show Sheep & Goats PAT Testing Governing Council 7pm	10 →	11 →	12/13 Sept
9 Sept	14 ←	15	16 PAT Testing Yr 9/10 Netball	17 →	18 →	19/20 Sept
10 Sept	21	22	23 Civil Industry Tour Yr 10/11	24 Youth Opportunities Graduation	25 <i>Early Dismissal 2:25pm</i>	26/27 Sept