



# The Belmont News

Belmont  
High School

Strive For The Highest

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## Issue 1 – 3 February 2023

### KEY DATES

<b>Week B</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Form Assemblies
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	BHS Swimming Carnival
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photos – Day 1, Students to wear summer uniform
<b>Week A</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photos – Day 2, students to wear summer uniform House Assemblies Year 7 Immunisations
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 Mango Camp
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 Mango Camp Returns

**LOCKERS / PADLOCKS** – ALL students are required to have a padlock to lock their locker. If students do not have a lock, please arrange to purchase one from the school office (\$16.00).

**24 hr STUDENT ABSENCE LINE  
5241 0090**

**Parents only** to call to report student's name, house/form, reason for absence, and date.  
Parents can also report absences on Compass.

# Principal's Report



Welcome to the 2023 school year! I am excited about what we can achieve as a school this year. The raft of opportunities available to our students at Belmont High throughout the coming school year will mean that every student has the opportunity to live our school mantra, *Strive for the Highest*.

I would especially like to welcome our new Year 7s into the school. To those families who are joining us for the first time, please know we are here to support you and your children.

## **Opportunities**

A busy Term 1 sees many of our whole school events taking place. The list below shows some of range of opportunities on offer to our students this term.

Year 12 camp  
Swimming Carnival  
Fun Run  
Year 11 and 12 Elevate Education program  
School Photo Day  
NAPLAN for Years 7 and 9

## **High Expectations**

In line with our school mantra *Strive for the Highest*, we look to set high expectations for all members of our community. The communicated adjustments to our school uniform will be enforced over the coming weeks and any family needing support around this can contact the school office on 5243 5355.

## **Welcome New Staff**

I welcome the following staff to our Belmont High School community:

Matthew Hosking – House Leader  
Michael Rehfisch – Maths  
Trent Duan – Indonesian  
Timothy Waltrowicz – IT  
Adrian Montagnese – VET Music  
Christel Anliker – Maths / Science  
Kelly Christie – Admin  
Ethan Kuzma – IT Manager

Brylee McNamara- House Leader  
Mietta Robinson – English  
Emma Moffat – Music  
Joel Firms – Maths/Science  
Lee O’Hara – Italian  
Samantha Clifton – Admin / First Aid  
Andrea West – Science Lab  
Amber Pope – Inclusion team

## **2023 Principal Team**

Principal, Mr Joshua Baker  
Year 7 and 8 Assistant Principal, Mr David Ellis  
Year 9 and 10 Assistant Principal, Ms Monica Godde  
Year 11 and 12 Assistant Principal, Mr Michael Caccamo

## **2022 Academic Achievement Congratulations**

As recognised at our Student Award Ceremony in 2022, we would like to congratulate the following students on their outstanding academic achievements.

## **2022 DUX**

Arty Foulkes

## **2022 90s Club Members**

Arty Foulkes

William Jones

Emma Anderson

Hero Partos-Slaterry

Matilda Hobbs

Sagun Pandey

Hannah Gorst

## **2022 Year 11s with a Score of 40+ in a Year 12 Subject**

Kaitlyn Biro (VET Laboratory Skills) – 40

Josephine Gear (VET Dance) – 40

Sophie McCarthy (Health and Human Development) – 40

Sammy Muspratt (Food Studies) – 40

Eric Iverson (Physics) – 40

Holly Dunn (Music Performance) – 40

Allison Hollins (VET Sport) – 42

Lucy Tuck (VET Music Performance) – 42

Oscar Waring (Indonesian) – 46

Oscar Waring (Specialist Mathematics) – 49

## **Years 7-11 DUX**

**Year 7:** Rabhin Okeife

**Year 9:** Scarlett Knight

**Year 10:** Abbie Burton

**Year 11:** Isla Anderson

## **Year 1-5 SEALP Dux**

**Year 1:** Finn Ibrahim

**Year 3:** Ella Williams

**Year 5:** Eric Iversen

**Year 2:** Jacinta Carswell

**Year 4:** Bella Wright

**Joshua Baker**

Principal

# Swimming Carnival

The Belmont HS Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 9 February for all students. Please see the Compass event for payment and consent.

Students are encouraged to wear House colours/dress-ups. They will attend Form Assembly at school at 8.55am and then be taken to Kardinia Pool by bus.

Following the completion of the swim events, students will be returned to school at approximately 3.00pm and then dismissed from school.



## Bell Times 2023

In 2023 there has been a small change to the structure of the day.

Students will be required to be at school and in their classroom for their first class at 9.00am. Form Assembly will occur on Tuesdays after recess at 10.55am. Students dismissed at 3.15pm everyday. Please see below for a breakdown of the bell times.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday		Tuesday	
Period 1	9.00am – 9.50am	Period 1	9.00am – 9.45am
Period 2	9.50am – 10.40am	Period 2	9:40am – 10:30am
Recess	10.40am – 11.05am	Recess	10:30am – 10:55am
		Form Assembly	10:55am – 11:25am
Period 3	11.05am – 11.55am	Period 3	11.25am – 12.10pm
Period 4	11.55am – 12.45pm	Period 4	12.10pm – 12.55pm
Lunch	12.45pm – 1.35pm	Lunch	12.55pm – 1.45pm
Period 5	1.35pm – 2.25pm	Period 5	1.45pm – 2.30pm
Period 6	2.25pm – 3.15pm	Period 6	2.30pm – 3.15pm

## Driving to School



As more students turn 18 we will see an influx of those driving to school.

Students who drive to school are reminded that there is not car parking allocated to them within the school grounds. They are required to use the publically available street parking, being careful to obey the signs present.

Students should also seek and complete a “Driving to School Agreement” form which can be collected from the pigeon holes outside the general office. This paperwork explains the regulations the Department of Education expects students to abide by when driving to school, and also advises the school of what car(s) the student will be driving in case the need to contact or identify them arises.

# SCHOOL CROSSING SAFETY – a message from City of Greater Geelong

School crossings are located at some intersections, pedestrian light crossings and flagged children's crossings across Geelong and the Bellarine.

There are a number of ways that you can help ensure the safety of pedestrians and school crossing supervisors alike.

## **Pedestrians**

- Always stand behind the yellow/white line
- Wait behind the yellow/white line until the supervisor has clearly blown their whistle twice
- Walk safely - Do not ride bikes across the crossing, bounce balls or run.
- Always cross at the crossing when it is in operation
- Follow the directions of the supervisor

## **Motorists**

- Don't park your vehicle within the 'No Stopping' signs whilst flags are displayed, this reduces visibility for both vehicles on the road and the Crossing Supervisor
- Slow down to 40km/h or less in designated school zones
- Obey parking restrictions
- Be alert for the operation of the school crossing

If you experience any parking issues in the streets around your school, raise the issue/cous, we will then inform our Parking Team.

## STUDENTS ON BIKES

Friendly reminder to your students to please walk their bikes over the crossing to ensure safety, as well as the safety of those who are crossing the road.





## Study Periods

Whilst studying VCE students will have a number of study periods where they have no timetabled class.

Students are advised that best practice is to attend school every day at 9am until 3.15pm. Each year the students who stick to this consistent routine see the most success.

The library is available for students to work in during their study periods. Alternative spaces (for example for students requiring Art materials), are only available upon individual negotiation with your teachers.

The Wednesday afternoon and Friday Week B study periods (VET Block) will often be used for SACs, or other organised educational activities. Where students are advised of these taking place, attendance is compulsory. Therefore, students should not be arranging work shifts or making other plans during these times.

We have a study period attendance policy at Belmont. This states that **students should be at school at 9am for the start of Period 1 every day**, regardless as to whether they have scheduled classes in the morning.

For VCE students, **when you finish class for the day you may leave**. For example, if you finish classes at lunch and have no scheduled lessons Period 5 or 6 you may leave for the day. Where classes have been finished for the day there is no requirement to sign out via the office, like there would be if you were leaving with classes still left to complete.

If students are found to be coming and going from school at their leisure, not respecting this policy, they will be reported to their House Leader and normal truancy protocols will be followed. Students who choose to continually disregard this policy may also face removal of privileges like sports days, the celebration day and/or graduation.

## Year 7 immunisation

A reminder that Year 7 immunisations are scheduled for Tuesday 14th February.

## Financial assistance information for parents

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

Please refer to the attachment on this Compass feed. Any enquires please contact the School Office on 03 5243 4355.

# Music News

Welcome to all our new families who have joined the music program this year, and welcome back to everyone else!

We are very excited to welcome **Emma Moffat** to the music team for 2023. She is a talented multi-instrumentalist, who will be working with our Woodwind students, Beginning Band and Intermediate Jazz, and in our classroom music program.

We also welcome a new teacher of VET music, Adrian Montagnese, who will be working with our Year 2 VET Music students. Adrian comes with a wealth of expertise in music performance and sound production.

We congratulate Lynne Morton for helping students to achieve their absolute best in VCE VCE Music Performance and VET Music Performance in 2022, with 4 students achieving scores of 40 and above, and class average results well above state level. We wish her all the best for her well-deserved Long Service Leave this term!

This year is full of opportunities and fun, with selected students preparing to perform in The Addams Family Showband, and our July tour to the Pacific Music Festival with Senior Band and Jazz Syndicate.

We are seeking a Keyboard 2 player for the Addams family band! Please see Ms Humphrey in the band room if you are interested in taking up this great opportunity to be part of the first BHS show since 2017!

Mrs Moffat, Mrs Linton, and Ms Humphrey have been busy in the year 7 music classes this week demonstrating some of the instruments available to learn in the ensemble program. If you want to see what's on offer in the music program, come over to the Band room at lunch or recess, and see what it's all about!

**Limited places are available in the Ensemble program for Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, and Saxophone.**

**Please see Ms Humphrey if you would like to apply to learn one of these instruments. We have a 'hire free' option for students enrolling to learn Trombone or Tuba in Year 7.**



**Don't miss out!!**

Some Year 7 have already begun lessons, with others to begin next week. A reminder that all parents need to have returned a signed hire form before students can take their instruments home.

## For New students

Students will see their weekly lesson time on their Compass timetable. It will be next to regular classes, and will look like this:



11:05: 07CON - LC07 - KRU	11:05: TRUMPET 5 - BR - DHL
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Please make sure students check lesson times before school on Mondays, so that you know ahead of time what days you will need to bring your instrument.

Instruments should be stored in the Band room, and the band room will be open from 8.30am each day. Please do not leave instruments outside the door before this time!!

## Band Support Group

New families to the music program are warmly invited to our first Band Support meeting for the year, on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Bandroom. Band Support is a wonderful group who support the music program as volunteers at our music events, running our fabulous Winter and Spring Concerts, and raising funds so that we can provide music experiences to music students at BHS. You are able to join Band Support even if you can't attend meetings, as we are always looking for new ideas, and pairs of hands to help out at events! Please make contact with our Band Support Group: [belmonthsbandsupp@gmail.com](mailto:belmonthsbandsupp@gmail.com)

All students enrolled in the Ensemble program must attend a Concert band. Jazz groups are optional.

## Ensemble rehearsal times and days for 2023:

Beginning Band Wednesdays, Band room 1, 8.00 – 8.50am, beginning Feb 1st.

Intermediate Jazz Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.30pm Bandroom 2, beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>

Jazz Syndicate- Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.45pm, Bandroom 1, beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>

Intermediate Band Mondays 3.15 – 4.30pm Bandroom 1, beginning Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.

Senior Band Thursdays 3.15 – 4.30pm Bandroom 1, beginning Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Do you like to sing? All Year 7 and 8 students (and returning SingIt students!) are invited to join **Sing It**, our junior choir at Belmont High School. Come along Thursdays at lunchtime in the PAC to make friends and have a sing in a supportive and fun environment. No singing experience required! Rehearsals start next Thursday lunchtime– Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. See you there! Nadine



2022 AUDITIONS ARE OPEN REGISTER NOW



Victorian State Schools Spectacular

The Victorian State School Spectacular Orchestra is inviting state school students to audition for the 2022 State school spectacular Orchestra on the following instruments:

Percussion, Clarinet, Trombone, Trumpet, Violin, Cello, Oboe. Students need to be at Gr 5 standard or equivalent. Quite a few BHS students have participated in this experience in the past, and have had a fabulous experience working with amazing conductors and 80+ musicians from all parts of Victoria.

Participation is FREE - See Ms Humphrey for details on how to apply. Here's a link to a short VSSS 2020 clip, which gives you an idea of the size of the event!

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=705568030387414>

**Rose Humphrey**  
Director of Music

# Gold House Newsletter Items

Hi everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Gold House Leader at Belmont High School. I have moved to Gold from the Acting Red House Leader position that I held in 2022 and I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to lead Gold House for the next five years. This is my third year at Belmont High School and the amazing House culture is one of the highlights of working in such a great school.

My teaching areas are Health and Physical Education and particularly enjoy the challenge of teaching one of the year 12 Physical Education classes. I have had a long history of playing in competitive sporting teams, in both football and basketball and enjoy having a kick of the football and shooting hoops with students when I can. I previously taught at both Brunswick Secondary and Coburg High School in Melbourne, before moving down the coast to Torquay. Outside of teaching, most of my time is taken up running after my 3 young girls, who are aged five, three and one in a few weeks. Any other time will be taken up with surfing, having a hit of golf, fishing or in my wife's opinion of what I do in my spare time, mowing the lawn!

I look forward to meeting and working with all the students and parents of Gold at the earliest opportunity.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

David Fanning  
Gold House Leader



## Canteen News

I would like to welcome back our volunteers and a big welcome to our new volunteers. I hope you all had a lovely and well rested break.

I am looking forward to another great year and getting to meet all our new families.

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen you can contact me at school PH- 52435355, between 8.30am-2.00pm if you have any questions.

We have many shifts available to suit everyone from 1.5 hours – 4 hours once a month.

We have online ordering for recess and lunch. This is by downloading the **QKR!** app. All orders are to be ordered by 9.00am on the day of delivery.



This is our preferred option of purchasing at the canteen. You may also order your lunch in the canteen at recess time. Please note that if your student is going to be absent and you have ordered a lunch, we request that you contact the Canteen staff (ph. 5243 5355) by 9am on the day.

We also offer EFTPOS which has a \$5.00 minimum spend on your card and also cash sales. Thankyou

**Julie Picklum**  
Canteen Manageress



## Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

**To join Saver Plus, you must:**

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

**Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:**

 laptops & tablets	 uniforms & shoes	 books & supplies
 sports fees & gear	 lessons & activities	 camps & excursion

**For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:**

  
  
  
  
  
  


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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

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