

Our school returns to "normal" this week now that both Year 11 and 12 students have completed their preliminary final and trial HSC exams respectively. I'm sure our senior students will be eagerly awaiting their results. As mentioned in last week's report, staff have been engaged with professional learning that explores the teaching strategies and techniques that improve student outcomes. Effective and timely feedback is a proven strategy to support student learning. A crucial part of this process is students listening and using the feedback from their teachers so as to further improve their results in the next round of assessments.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

This Wednesday afternoon/evening we have our Zoom meetings with parents. I encourage parents/carers to make bookings with and to speak with teachers

regarding the progress of their child. This partnership between parents/carers and the school is what contributes to us being a learning community and results in the best outcomes for students.

### **SRC Induction**

The SRC Induction will take place this afternoon in the hall. As a result of Covid-19 restrictions, the assembly can only last for fifteen minutes and we must only have stage groups: 7/8, 9/10 and 11 and 12 together. The induction ceremony will be filmed and posted on our Facebook page. I congratulate all of our students who are receiving their badges today and challenge them to make the most of the leadership opportunity. In the coming week I will be calling for nominations for the 2021 School Captains.

### Ms Julie Bowen

Relieving Principal

# Billabong Highlights



Top Right: Draws - Dylan Forrest Bottom Right: Dollhouse - Shalayla Wheeler

**Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber - Major** Works were completed and submitted last Thursday. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the major works will be marked in school by their class teacher. The projects are accompanied by a portfolio which is to be sent to Sydney for marking by the HSC examiners.

Year 10 Industrial Technology Timber students are putting their final touches to their Side Table projects and are employing some really good design ideas. The two samples here have used a wood lathe to turn the legs on one and a plane to shape the leas on the other. Both students chose to burn an image into the table top and they are very effective.

Year 12 Hospitality students are just finalising their service period where they are assessed on their ability to make at least 10 different types of coffees, serve people from different cultures and provide them with different food. This is achieved by providing

the service to school staff as COVID-19

restrictions have not allowed them to complete the task at any other venues.



## Whole School Photo Day

School Photos are being held this Thursday the 3rd of September. If you have lost your shoot key code to pay online please email MSP Photography

at: riverina@msp.com.au or phone 02 6928 5588.

We also have blank forms available at the front office if you wish to pay cash.

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Top Left: Year 12 Hospitality - Coffee Making

Top Right: Thrive E Sports
Bottom Left: Thrive Badminton

### **SRC Induction Assembly**

Congratulations to all the students who today were inducted into the Billabong High School Student Representative Council. Having such a broad and diverse group of students committed to bringing ideas, and perspective to this committee is important. We thank each of you for taking the time to do this and look forward to working with you to improve the student experience.

Below: Stage 4, Top Right: Stage 5 and Bottom Right: Year 11





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## Calendar

Monday 31 August 2020 SRC Induction Assembly

**Wednesday 2 September 2020**Parent Teacher Interviews (via Zoom)

**Thursday 3 September 2020** Whole School Photo Day



Above Left: Tie-died tops made in Thrive Above Right: Year 11 final exam Below: Community Notice - These are not school events

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